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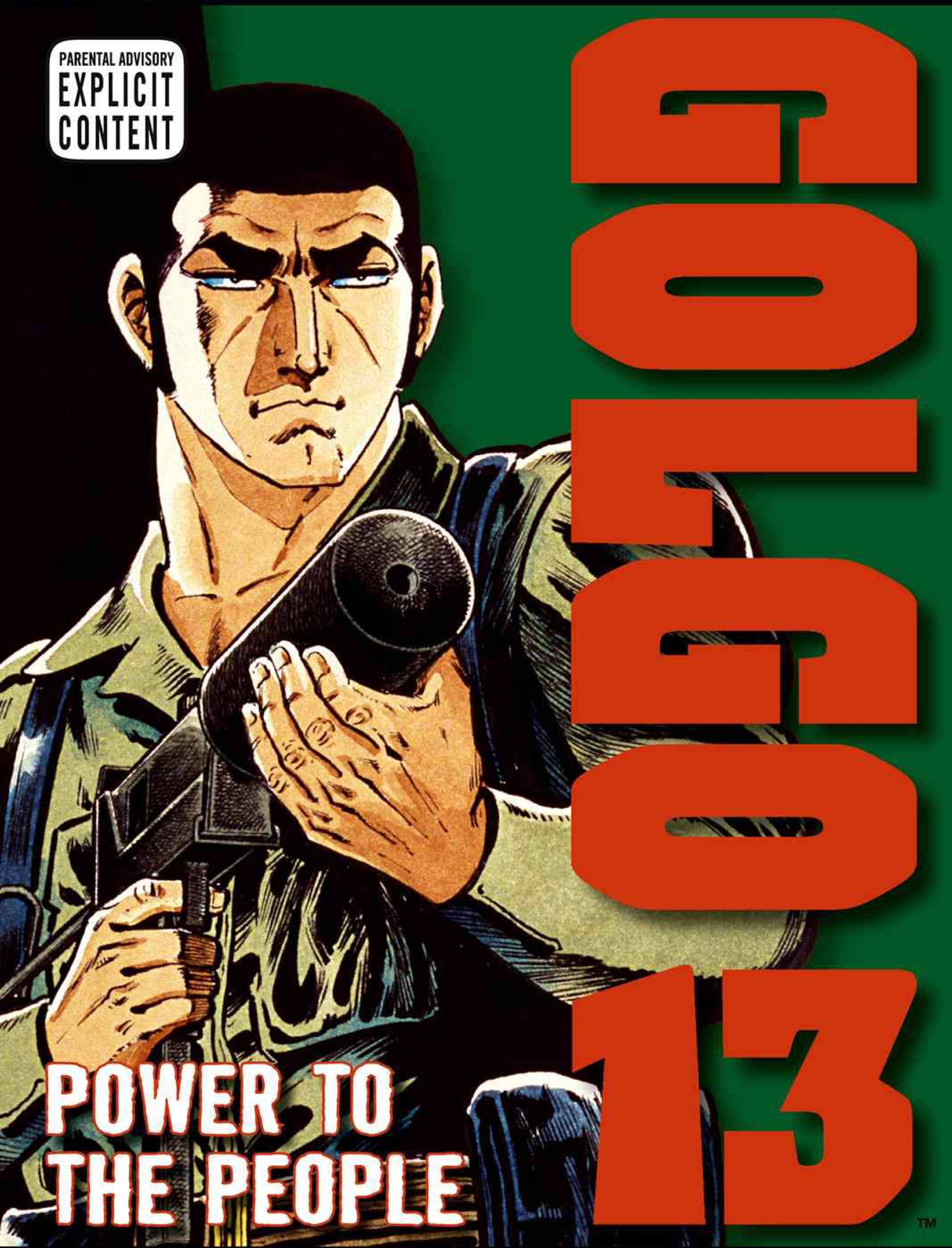

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Johannesburg, South Africa
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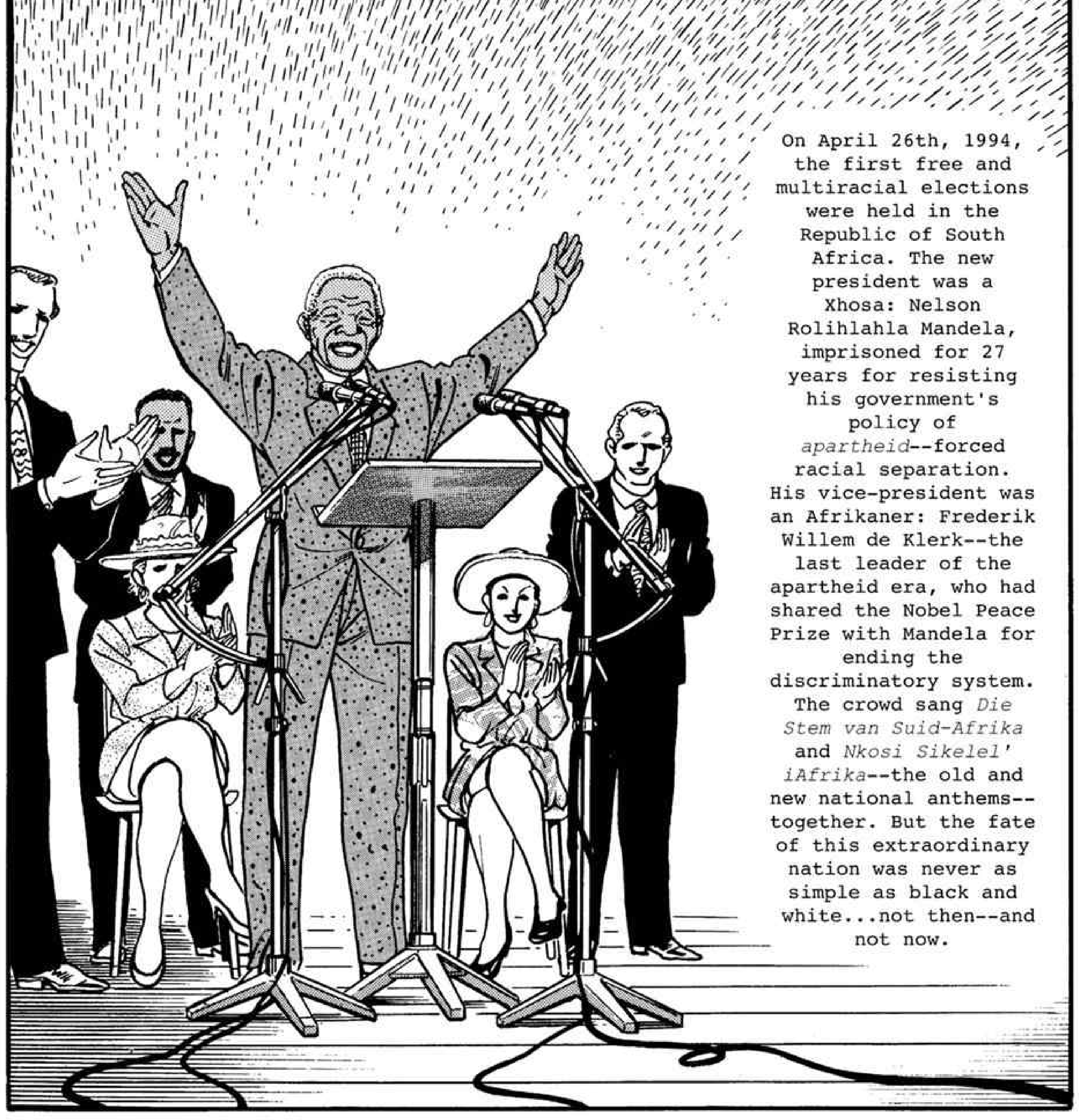
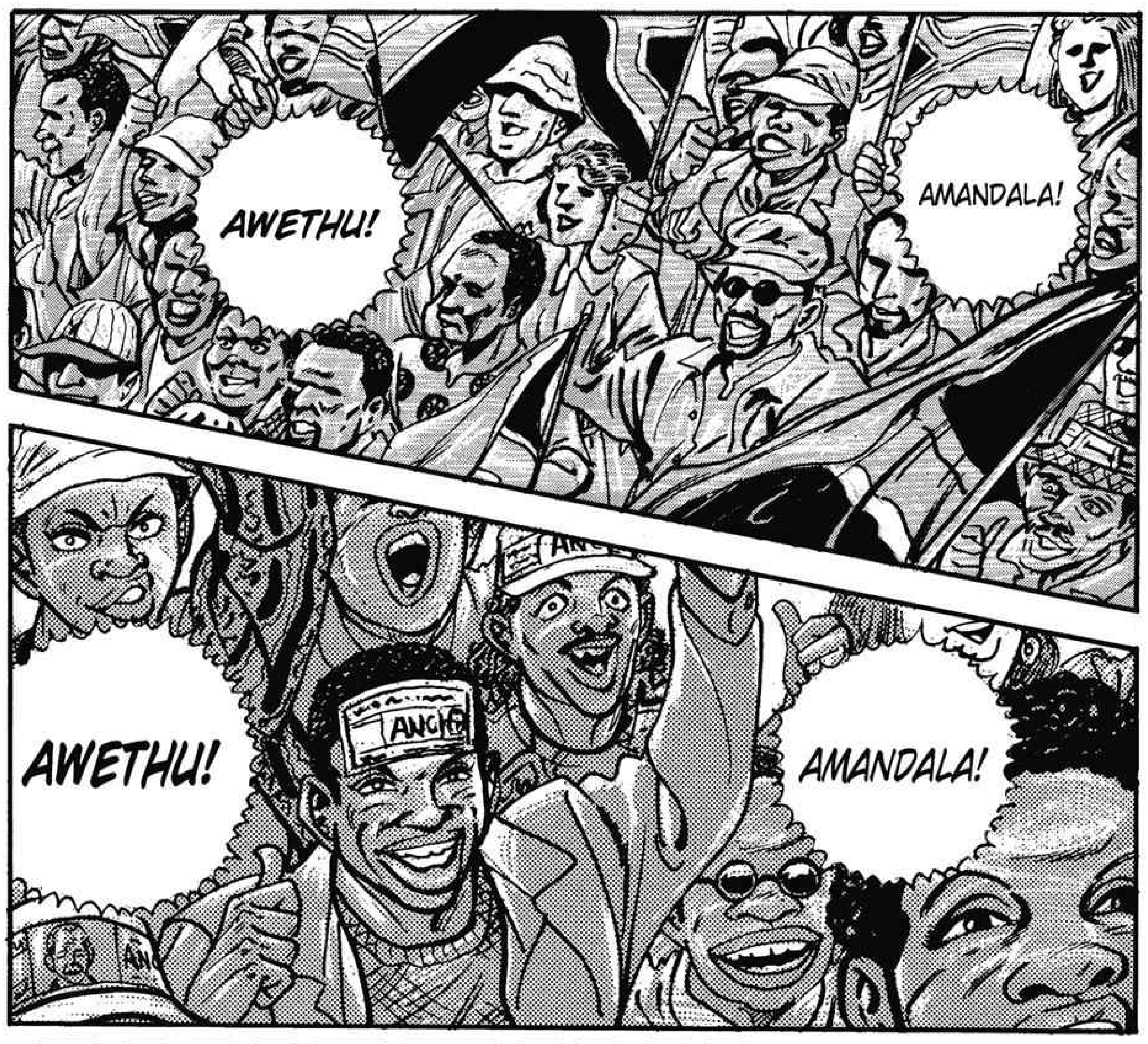


On April 26th, 1994, the first free and multiracial elections were held in the Republic of South Africa. The new president was a Xhosa: Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, imprisoned for 27 years for resisting his government's policy of *apartheid*--forced racial separation. His vice-president was an Afrikaner: Frederik Willem de Klerk--the last leader of the apartheid era, who had shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela for ending the discriminatory system. The crowd sang *Die Stem van Suid-Afrika* and *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*--the old and new national anthems--together. But the fate of this extraordinary nation was never as simple as black and white...not then--and not now.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AMANDALA AWETHU
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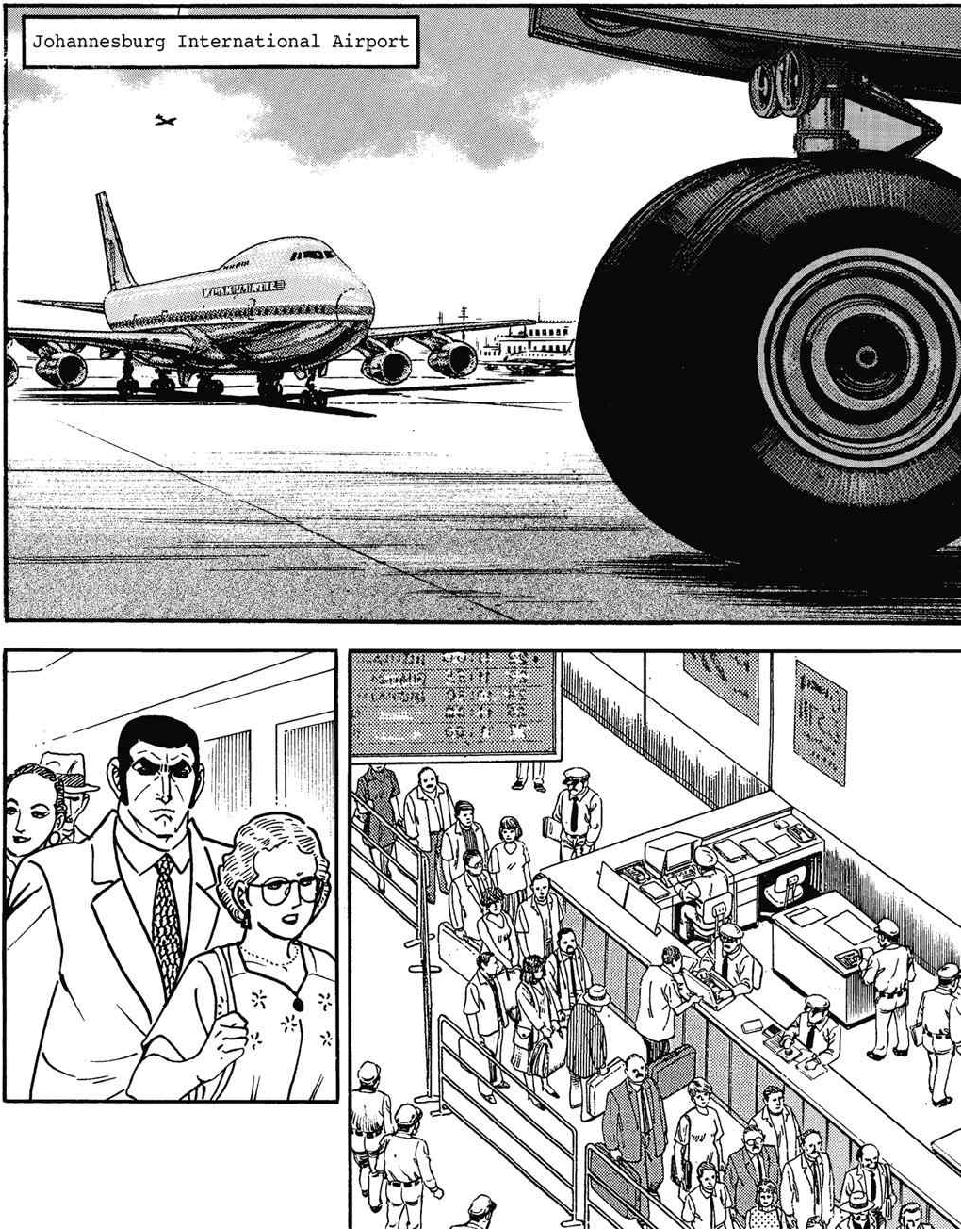
PART 1 THE CAPTURED JAPANESE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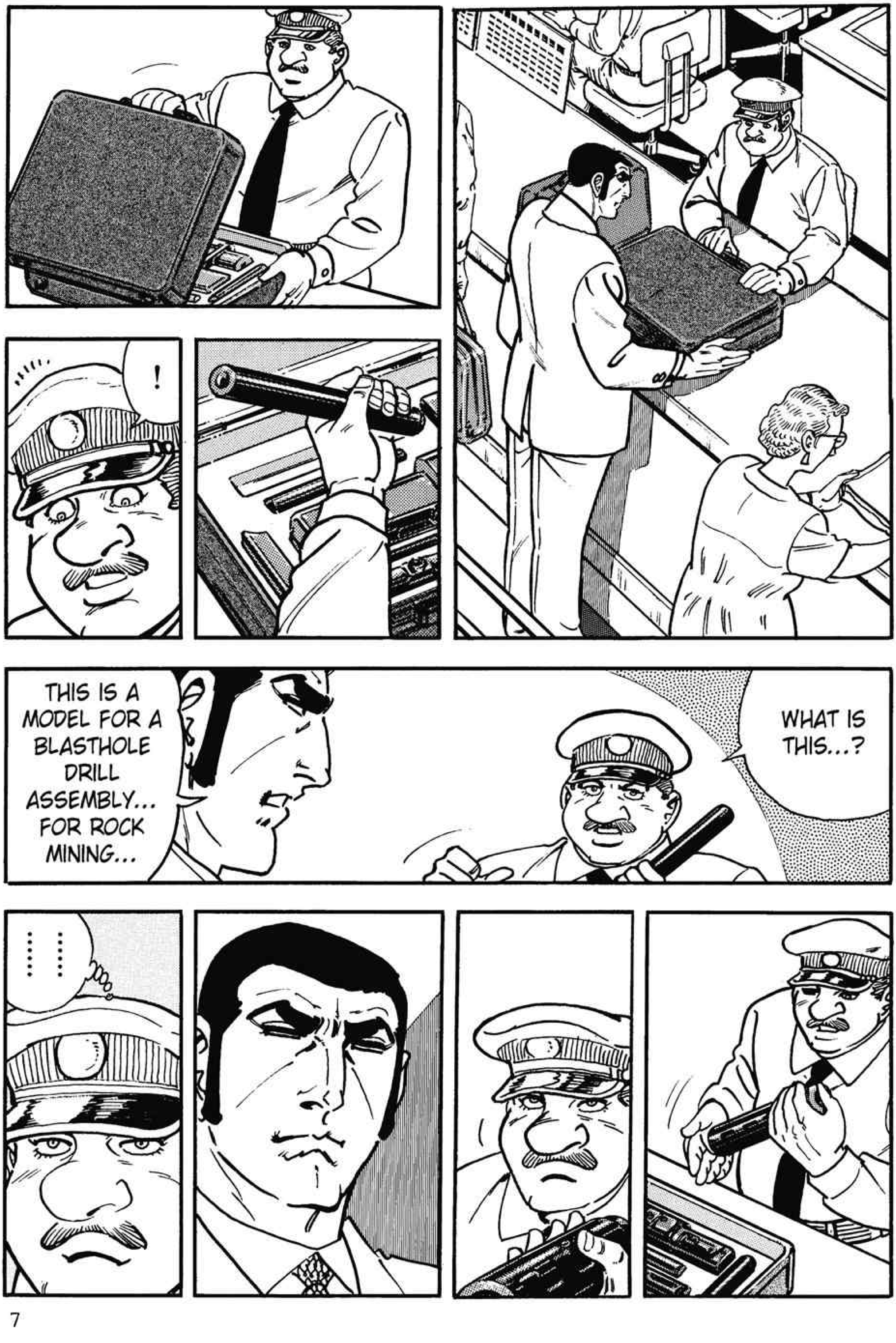
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WHAT IS THIS...?
THIS IS A MODEL FOR A BLASTHOLE DRILL ASSEMBLY... FOR ROCK MINING...
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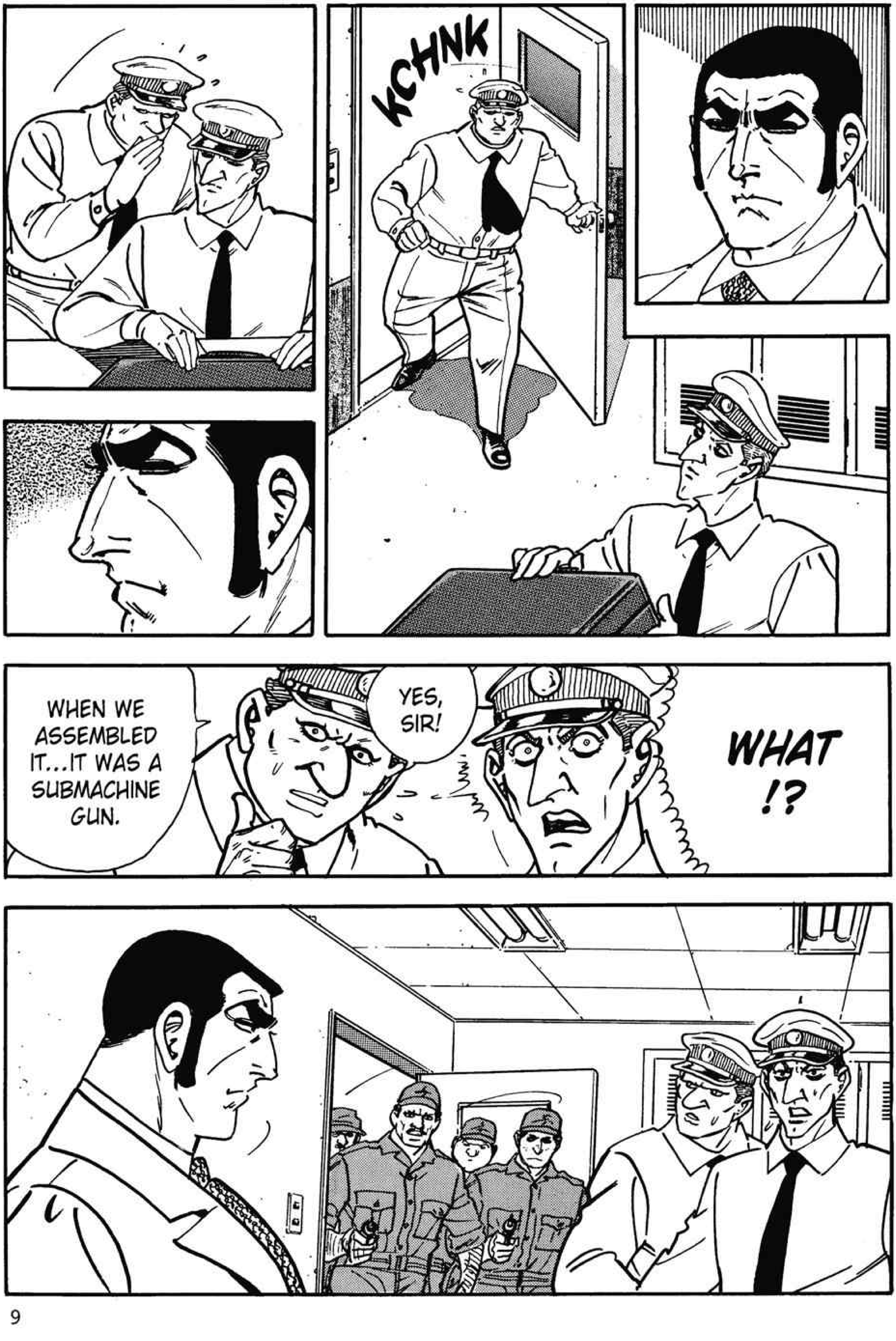
......
SIR, WE WILL HAVE TO INSPECT THIS.
JAPANESE ...?
TAKASHI TOGO...
......


KCHNK
WHEN WE ASSEMBLED IT...IT WAS A SUBMACHINE GUN.
YES, SIR!
WHAT !?

WELL, THEN, MR. TOGO...
...WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SOUTH AFRICA?
......
SERGEANT DANKWAERTS HERE LEARNED A THING OR TWO ABOUT QUESTIONING UNDER THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. AND *YOU*, MY FRIEND, ARE NO HUMAN RIGHTS CASE!
WOULD YOU LIKE HIM TO SHOW YOU?
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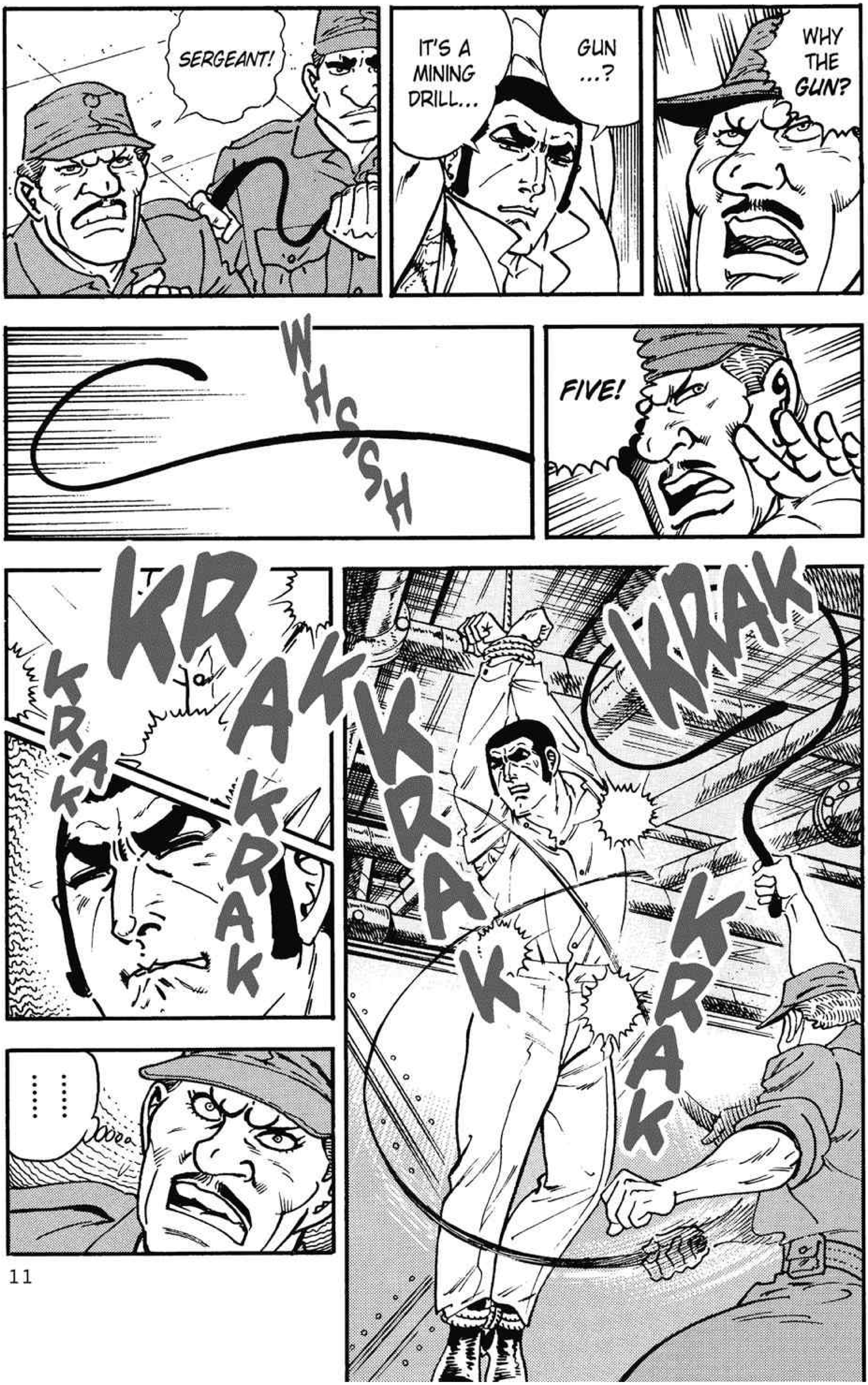
SERGEANT!
IT'S A MINING DRILL...
GUN ...?
WHY THE GUN?
WHSSSH
FIVE!
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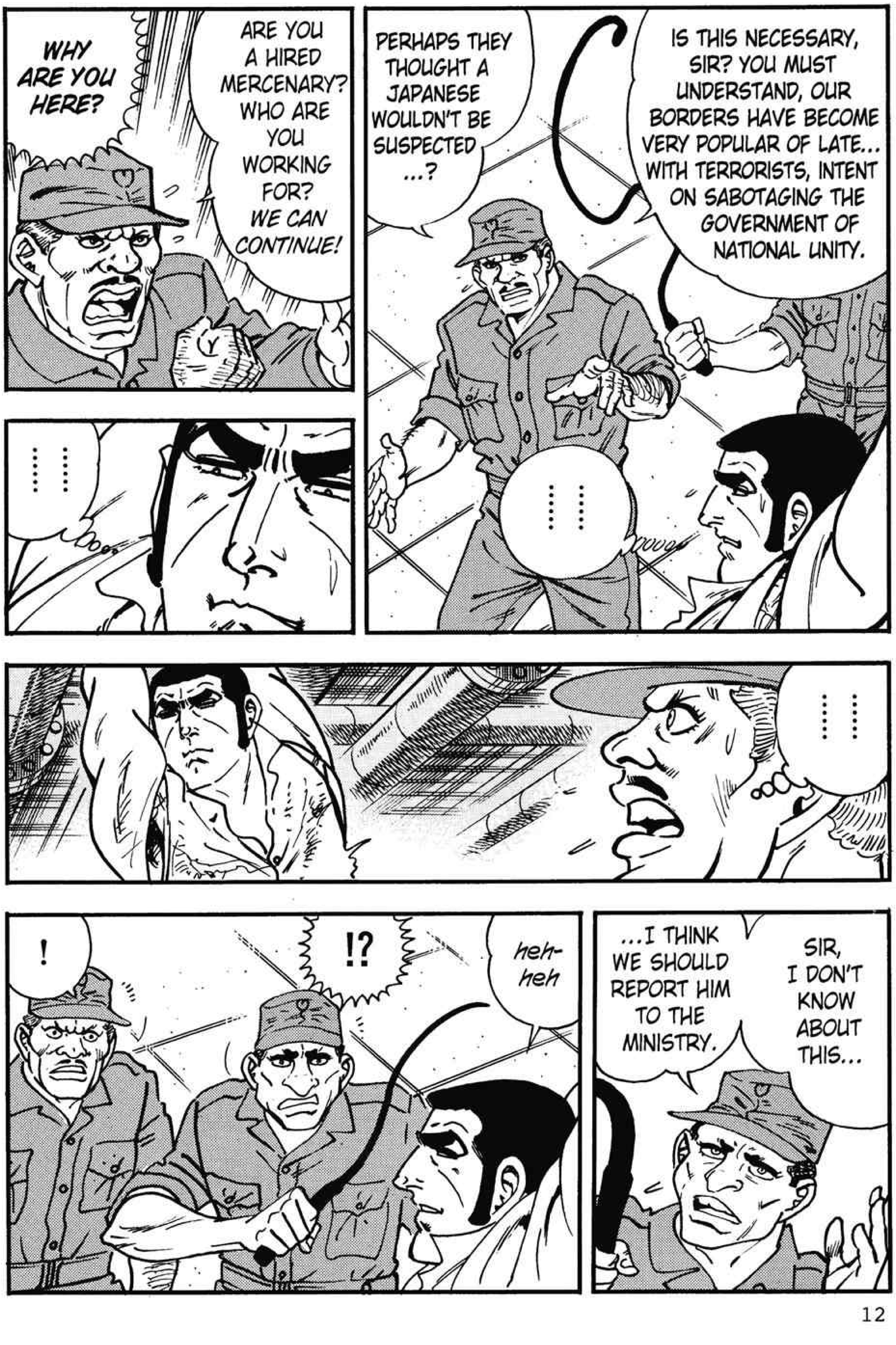
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ARE YOU A HIRED MERCENARY? WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR? WE CAN CONTINUE!
PERHAPS THEY THOUGHT A JAPANESE WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED ...?
IS THIS NECESSARY, SIR? YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, OUR BORDERS HAVE BECOME VERY POPULAR OF LATE... WITH TERRORISTS, INTENT ON SABOTAGING THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.
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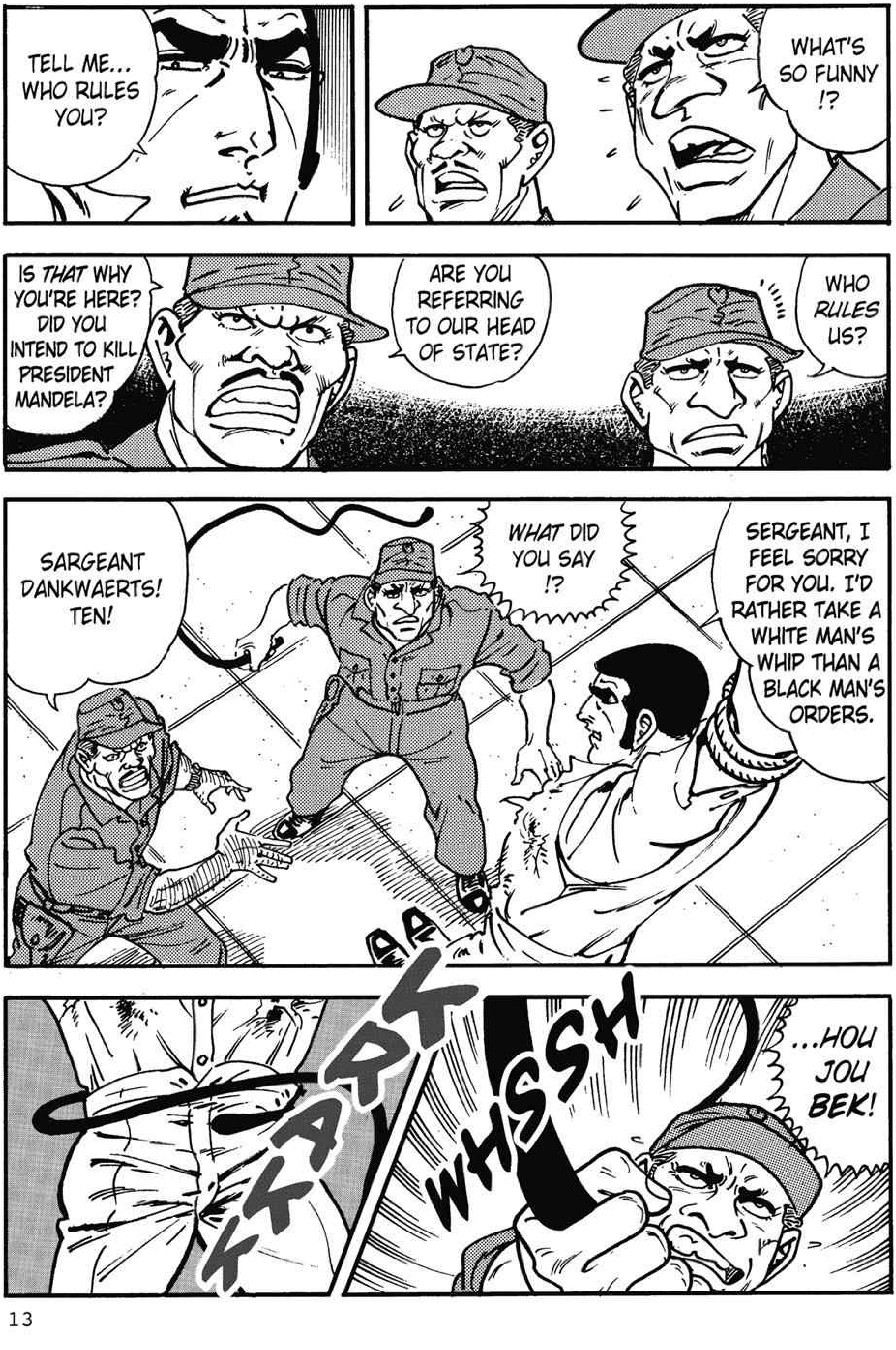
!?
heh-heh
...I THINK WE SHOULD REPORT HIM TO THE MINISTRY.
SIR, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...


WHAT'S SO FUNNY !?
TELL ME... WHO RULES YOU?
WHO *RULES* US?
ARE YOU REFERRING TO OUR HEAD OF STATE?
IS *THAT* WHY YOU'RE HERE? DID YOU INTEND TO KILL PRESIDENT MANDELA?
SERGEANT, I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU. I'D RATHER TAKE A WHITE MAN'S WHIP THAN A BLACK MAN'S ORDERS.
WHAT DID YOU SAY !?
SARGEANT DANKWAERTS! TEN!
...HOU JOU BEK!
WHSSH
KKKARK

THOK
WHPP
WHMP
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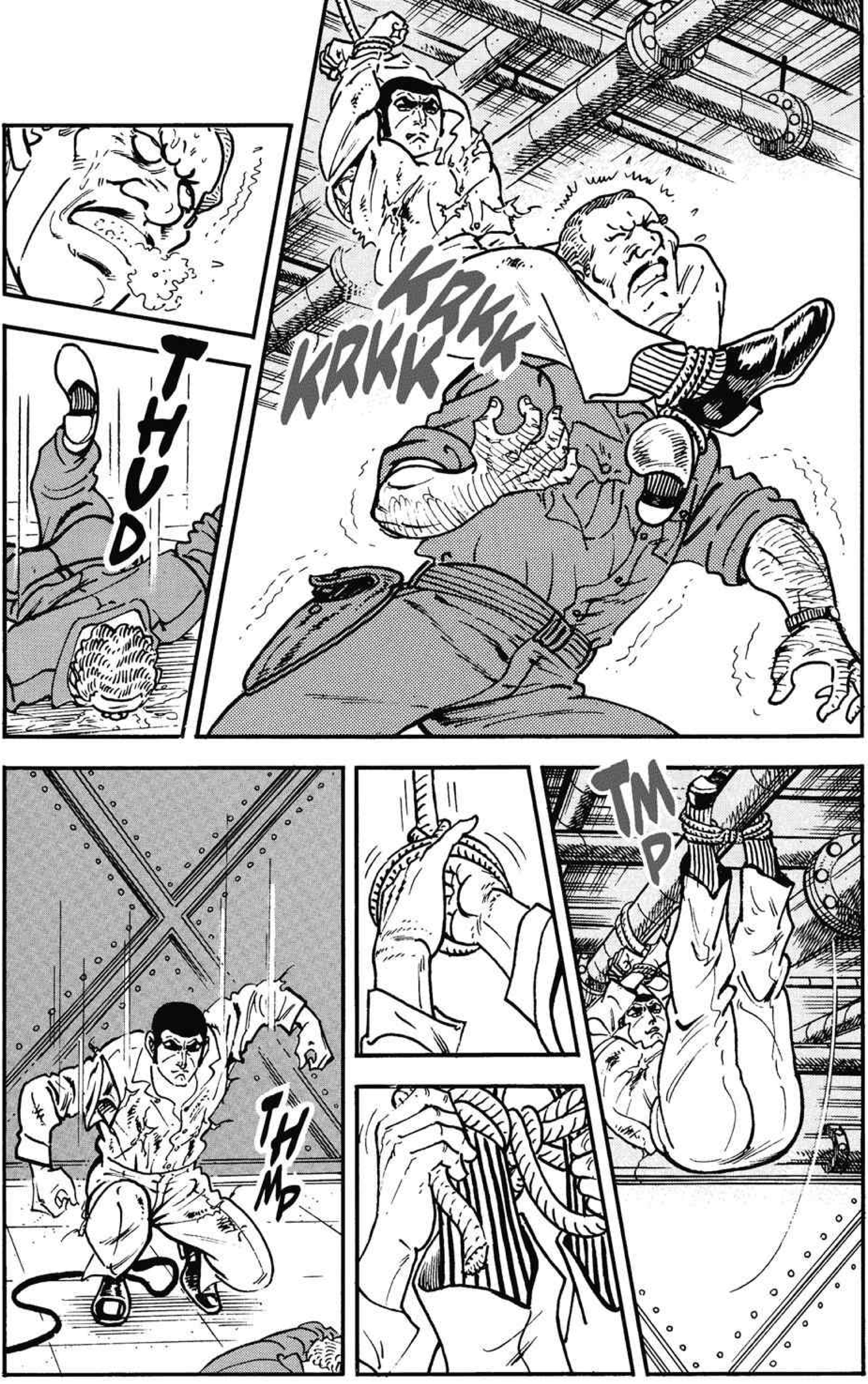
WHSHH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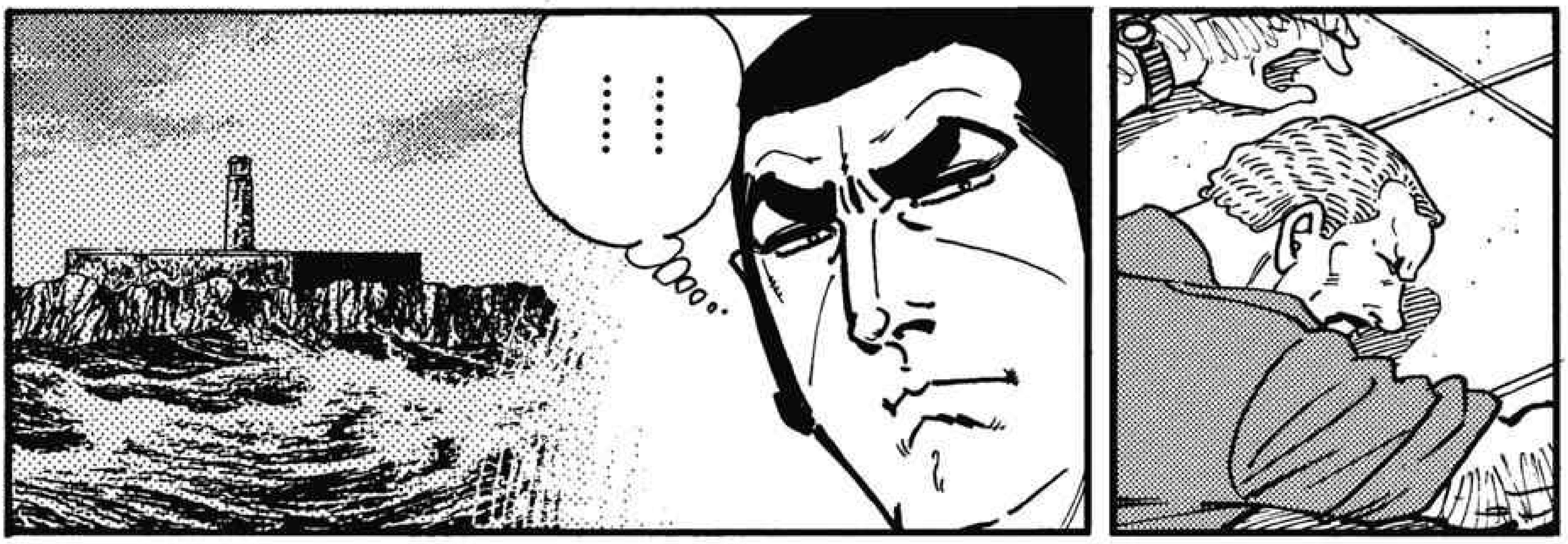
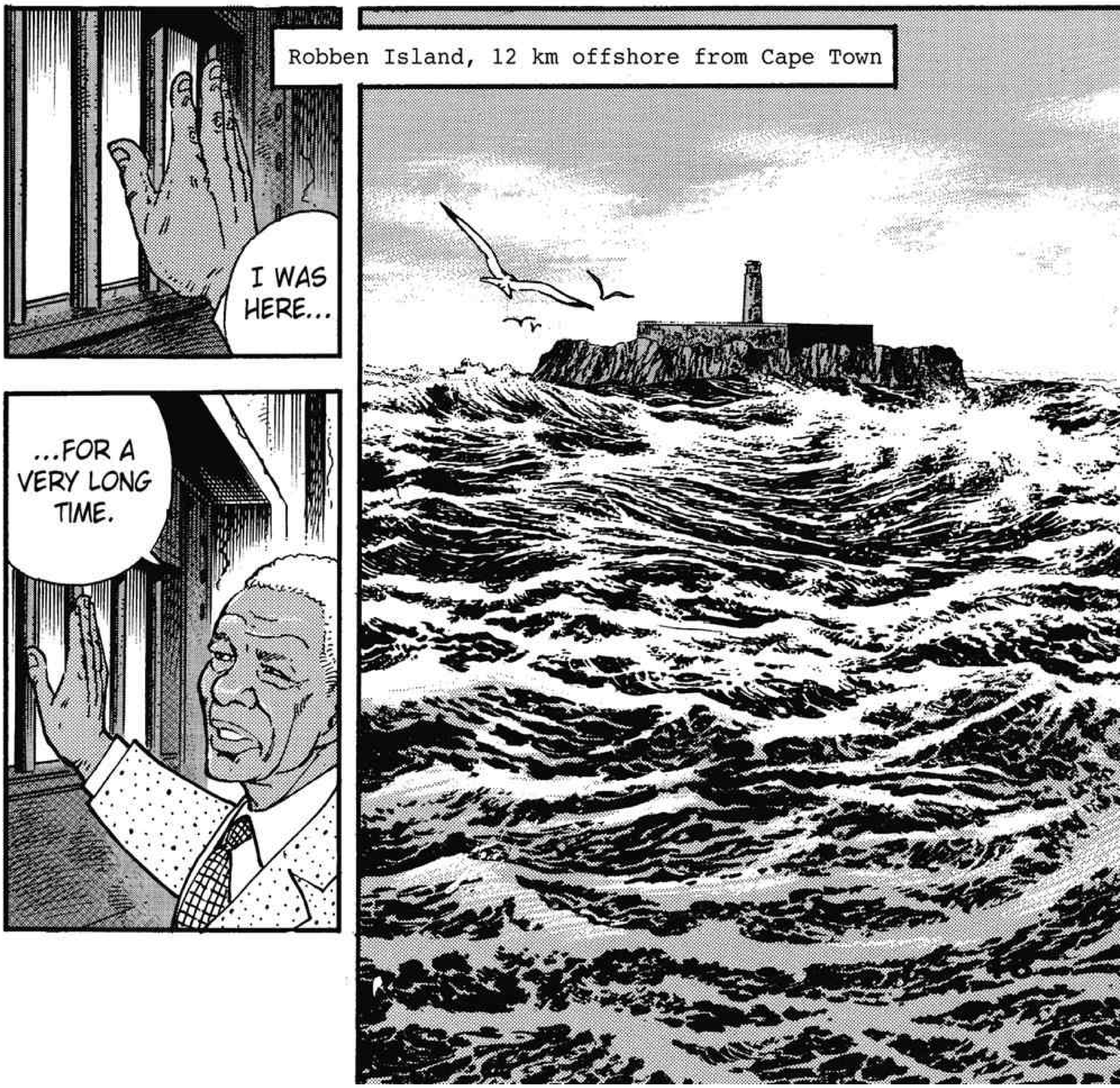
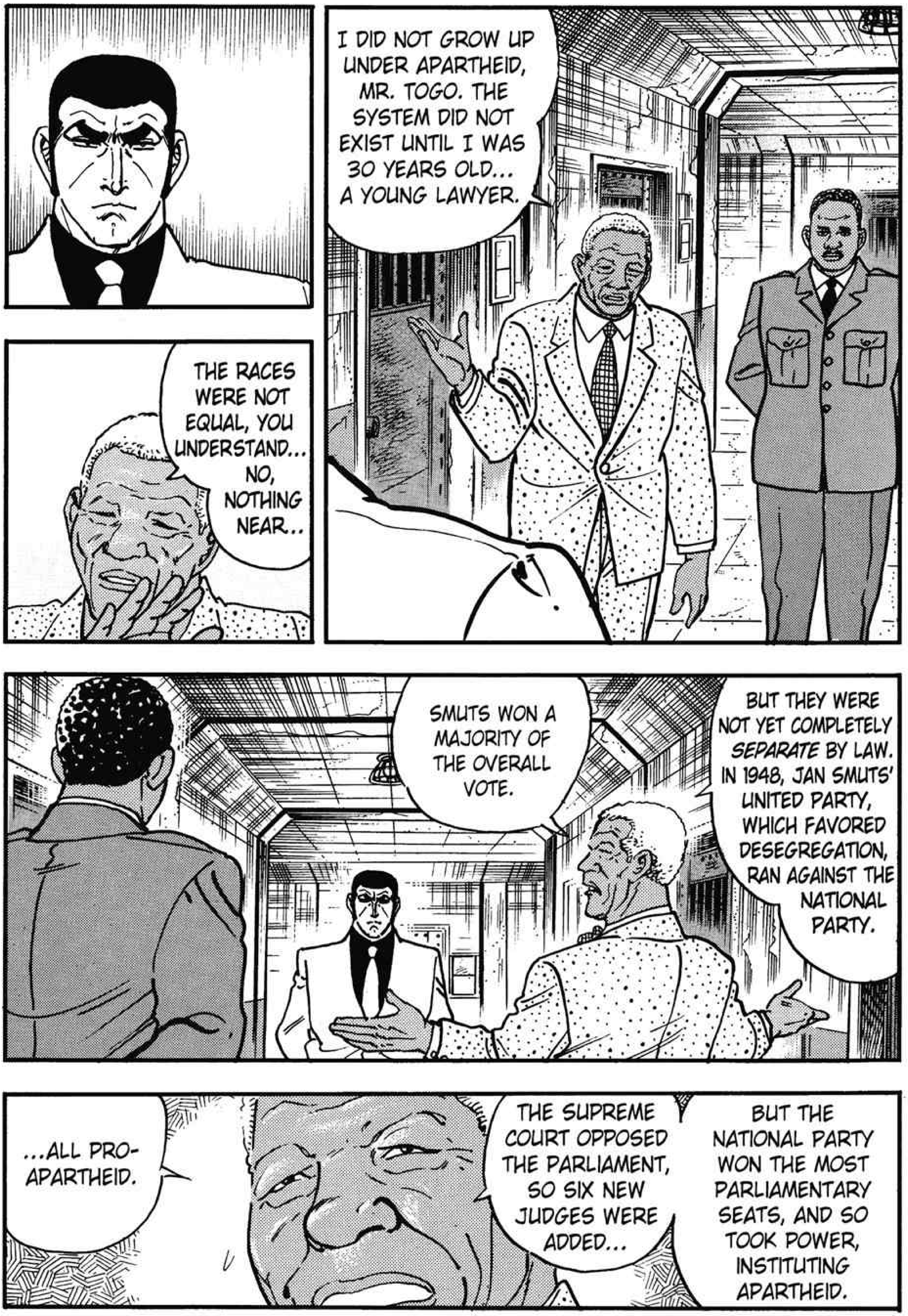
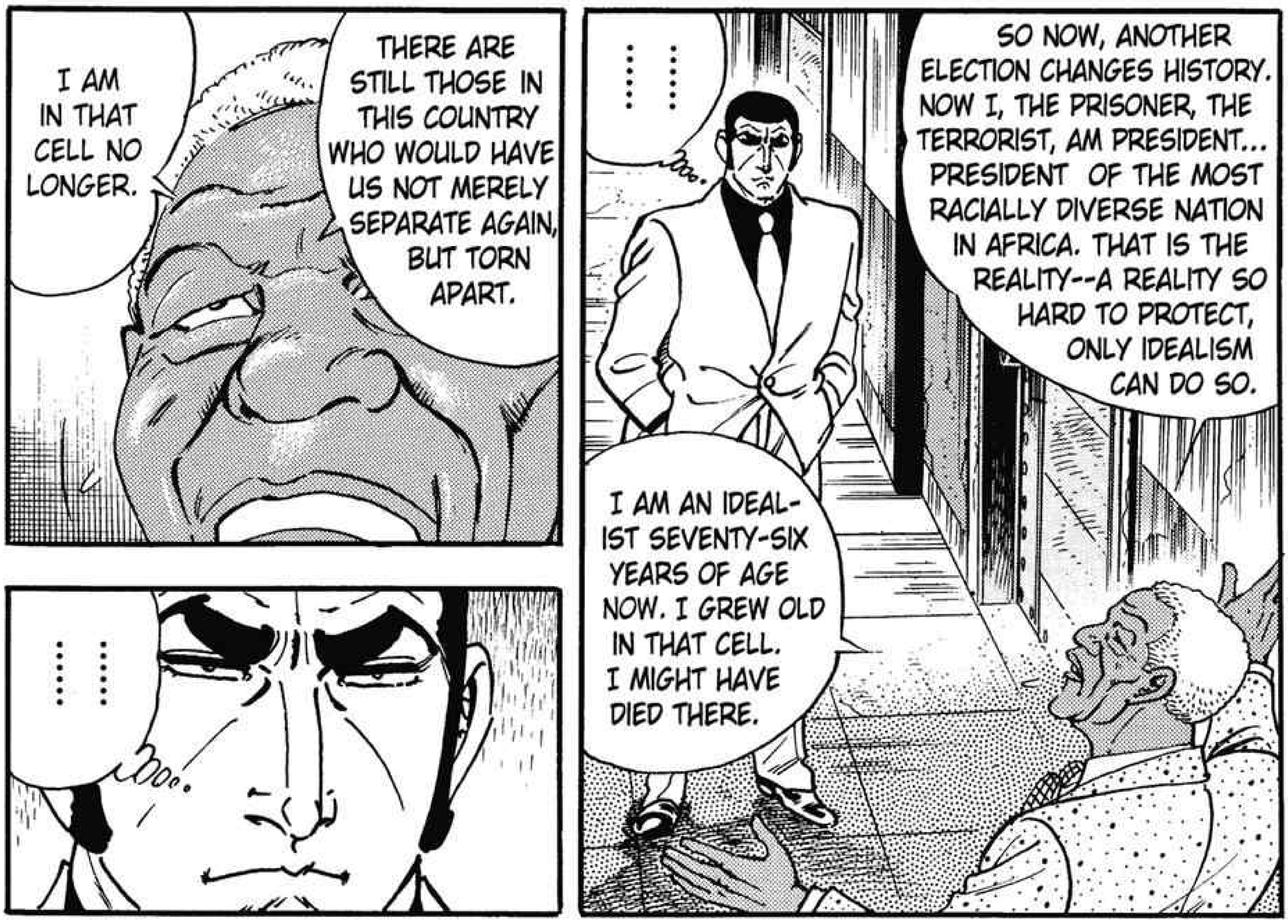


PART 2 ENEMY OF MY ENEMY


Robben Island, 12 km offshore from Cape Town
I WAS HERE…
…FOR A VERY LONG TIME.


I DID NOT GROW UP UNDER APARTHEID, MR. TOGO. THE SYSTEM DID NOT EXIST UNTIL I WAS 30 YEARS OLD... A YOUNG LAWYER.
THE RACES WERE NOT EQUAL, YOU UNDERSTAND... NO, NOTHING NEAR...
BUT THEY WERE NOT YET COMPLETELY *SEPARATE* BY LAW. IN 1948, JAN SMUTS' UNITED PARTY, WHICH FAVORED DESEGREGATION, RAN AGAINST THE NATIONAL PARTY.
SMUTS WON A MAJORITY OF THE OVERALL VOTE.
BUT THE NATIONAL PARTY WON THE MOST PARLIAMENTARY SEATS, AND SO TOOK POWER, INSTITUTING APARTHEID.
THE SUPREME COURT OPPOSED THE PARLIAMENT, SO SIX NEW JUDGES WERE ADDED...
...ALL PRO-APARTHEID.

THE *SOUTH AFRICAN* PEOPLE.
OUR RESISTANCE STRUGGLE CRIED *AMANDALA AWETHU*, "POWER TO THE PEOPLE." WHICH PEOPLE, MR. TOGO? THE BLACKS? WHITES? COLOURED? ASIAN?
......
SOME YEARS BEFORE THE END OF APARTHEID, WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS, FEARFUL OF THE FUTURE, BEGAN TO EMIGRATE IN NUMBERS...
...PROFESSIONALS, EXPERTS, ENTREPRENEURS... THE PRESS CALLS IT THE "CHICKEN RUN"-- BUT IT IS NO LAUGHING MATTER.
THE BRAIN-DRAIN IS AN AFRICA-WIDE PHENOMENON. THEY ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE 70,000 EDUCATED BLACKS WHO LEAVE THIS CONTINENT BEHIND EVERY YEAR...
...IN FEAR OF THE SAME VIOLENCE... THE SAME CHAOS.


SO NOW, ANOTHER ELECTION CHANGES HISTORY. NOW I, THE PRISONER, THE TERRORIST, AM PRESIDENT... PRESIDENT OF THE MOST RACIALLY DIVERSE NATION IN AFRICA. THAT IS THE REALITY--A REALITY SO HARD TO PROTECT, ONLY IDEALISM CAN DO SO.
......
I AM AN IDEALIST SEVENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE NOW. I GREW OLD IN THAT CELL. I MIGHT HAVE DIED THERE.
THERE ARE STILL THOSE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO WOULD HAVE US NOT MERELY SEPARATE AGAIN, BUT TORN APART.
I AM IN THAT CELL NO LONGER.
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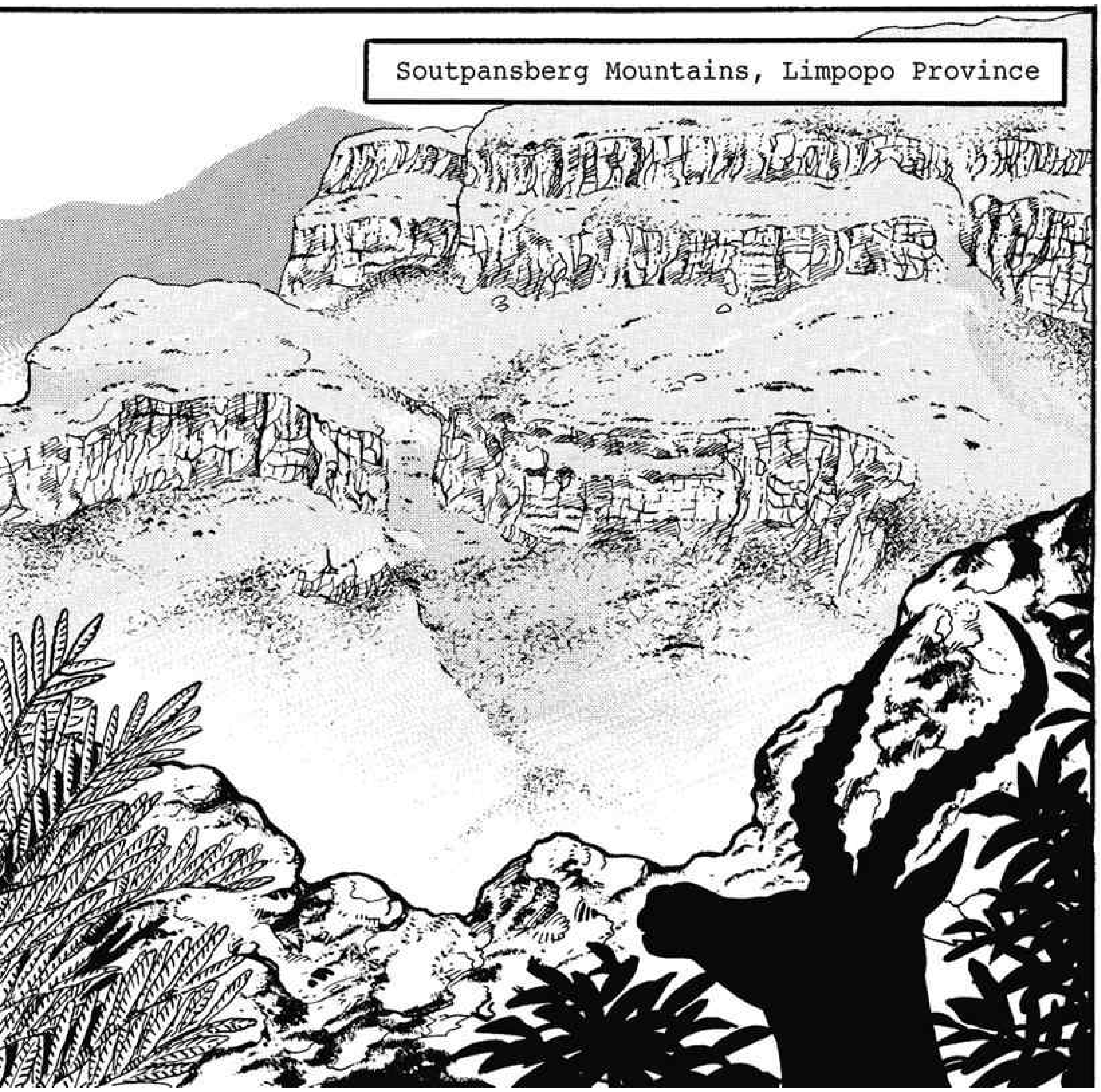
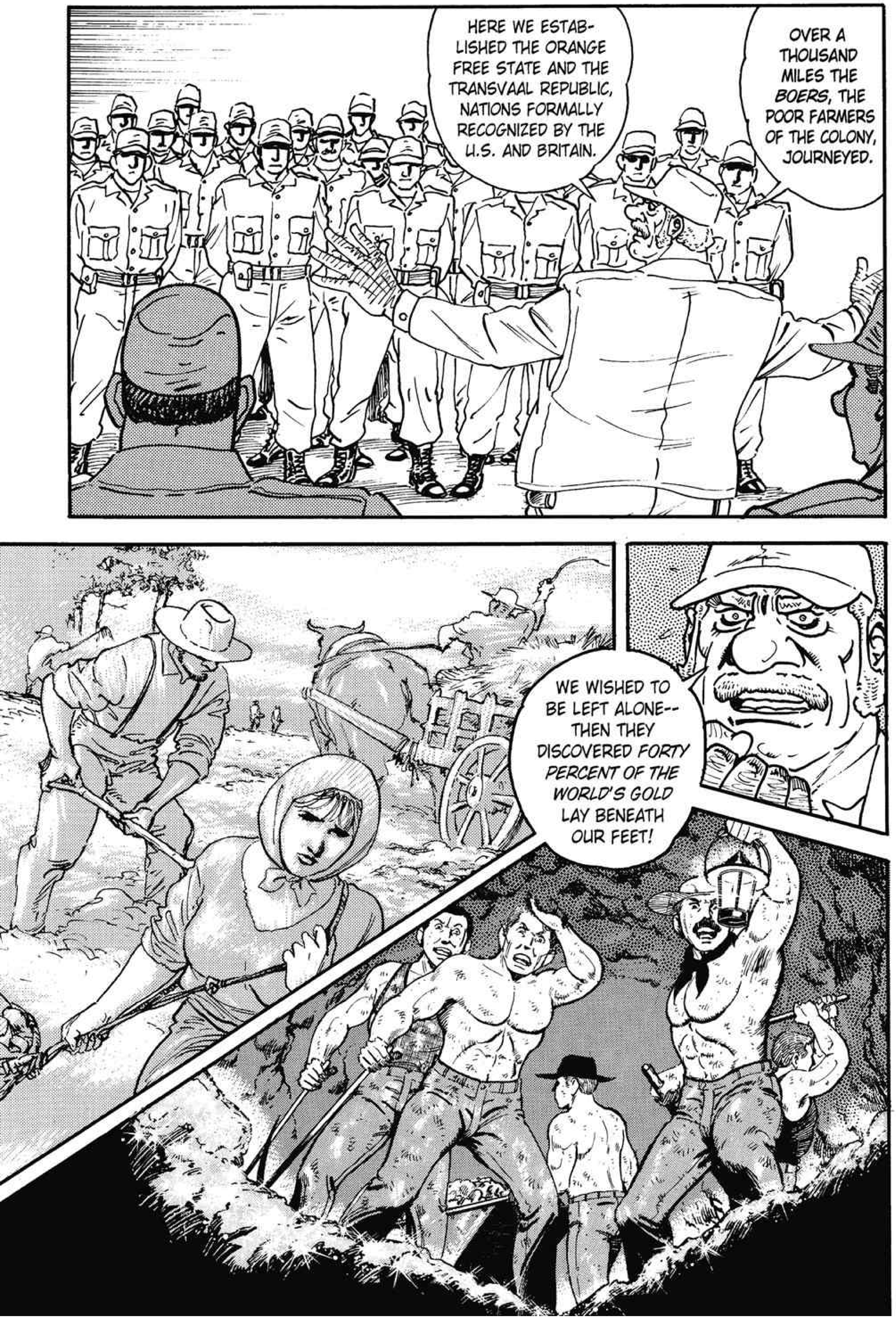
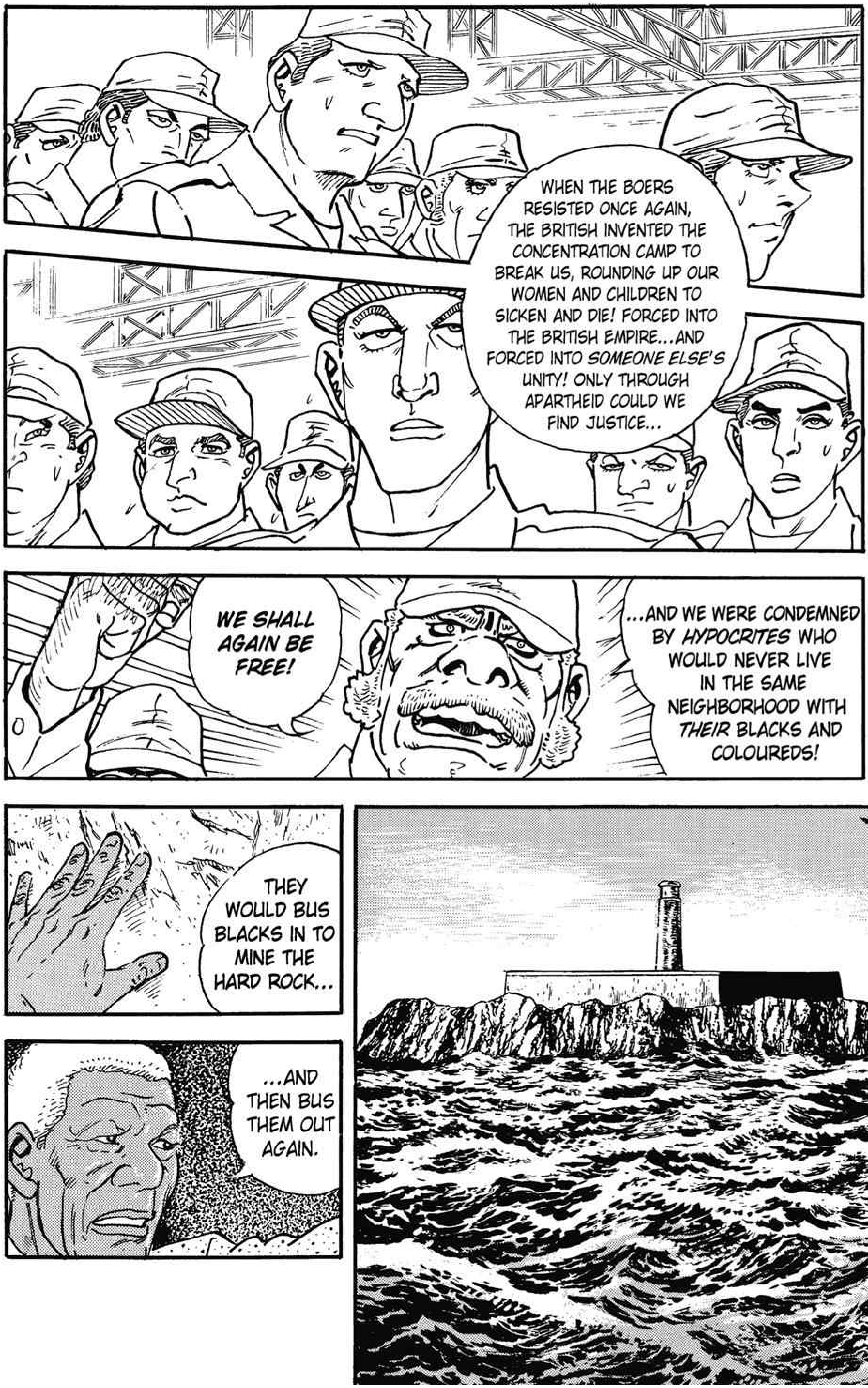
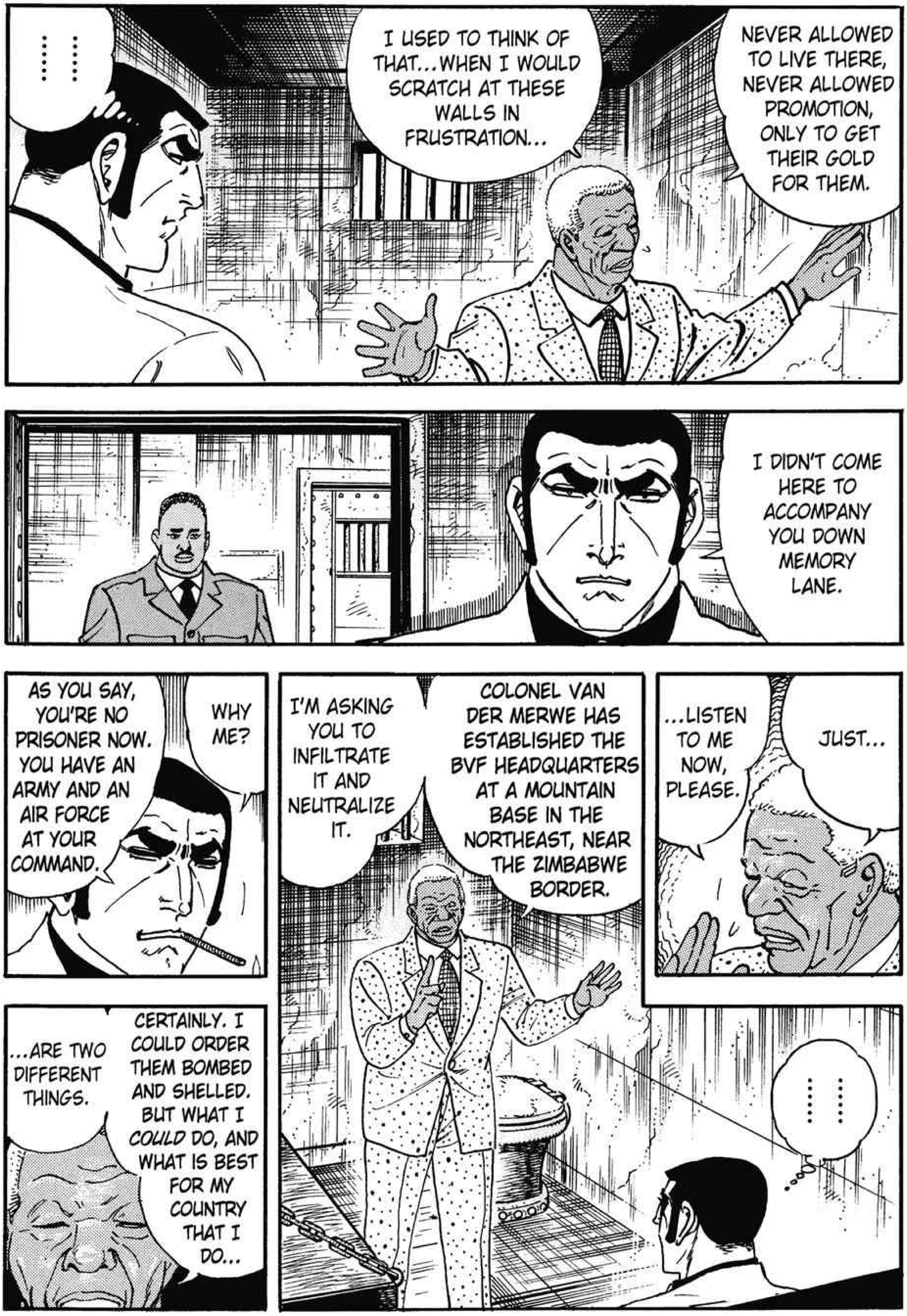
BOERESTAAT VOLKSFRONT


Soutpansberg Mountains, Limpopo Province

HQ of the Boer State Popular Front
OUR PEOPLE FIRST IMMIGRATED TO AFRICA IN 1652. HERE, SETTLERS FROM HOLLAND, FRANCE, AND GERMANY BECAME A NEW SOCIETY, THE *AFRIKANERS*.
IN 1806, THE BRITISH IMPERIALISTS SEIZED OUR LANDS. THIRTY YEARS LATER, WE SOUGHT FREEDOM IN THE GREAT *VOORTREK* NORTH.


OVER A THOUSAND MILES THE *BOERS*, THE POOR FARMERS OF THE COLONY, JOURNEYED.
HERE WE ESTABLISHED THE ORANGE FREE STATE AND THE TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC, NATIONS FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. AND BRITAIN.
WE WISHED TO BE LEFT ALONE-- THEN THEY DISCOVERED *FORTY PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S GOLD* LAY BENEATH OUR FEET!


WHEN THE BOERS RESISTED ONCE AGAIN, THE BRITISH INVENTED THE CONCENTRATION CAMP TO BREAK US, ROUNDING UP OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO SICKEN AND DIE! FORCED INTO THE BRITISH EMPIRE...AND FORCED INTO *SOMEONE ELSE'S* UNITY! ONLY THROUGH APARTHEID COULD WE FIND JUSTICE...
WE SHALL AGAIN BE FREE!
...AND WE WERE CONDEMNED BY *HYPOCRITES* WHO WOULD NEVER LIVE IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD WITH *THEIR* BLACKS AND COLOUREDS!
THEY WOULD BUS BLACKS IN TO MINE THE HARD ROCK...
...AND THEN BUS THEM OUT AGAIN.


NEVER ALLOWED TO LIVE THERE, NEVER ALLOWED PROMOTION, ONLY TO GET THEIR GOLD FOR THEM.
I USED TO THINK OF THAT…WHEN I WOULD SCRATCH AT THESE WALLS IN FRUSTRATION…
……
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO ACCOMPANY YOU DOWN MEMORY LANE.
JUST…
…LISTEN TO ME NOW, PLEASE.
COLONEL VAN DER MERWE HAS ESTABLISHED THE BVF HEADQUARTERS AT A MOUNTAIN BASE IN THE NORTHEAST, NEAR THE ZIMBABWE BORDER.
I'M ASKING YOU TO INFILTRATE IT AND NEUTRALIZE IT.
WHY ME?
AS YOU SAY, YOU'RE NO PRISONER NOW. YOU HAVE AN ARMY AND AN AIR FORCE AT YOUR COMMAND.
CERTAINLY. I COULD ORDER THEM BOMBED AND SHELLED. BUT WHAT I *COULD* DO, AND WHAT IS BEST FOR MY COUNTRY THAT I DO…
…ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.
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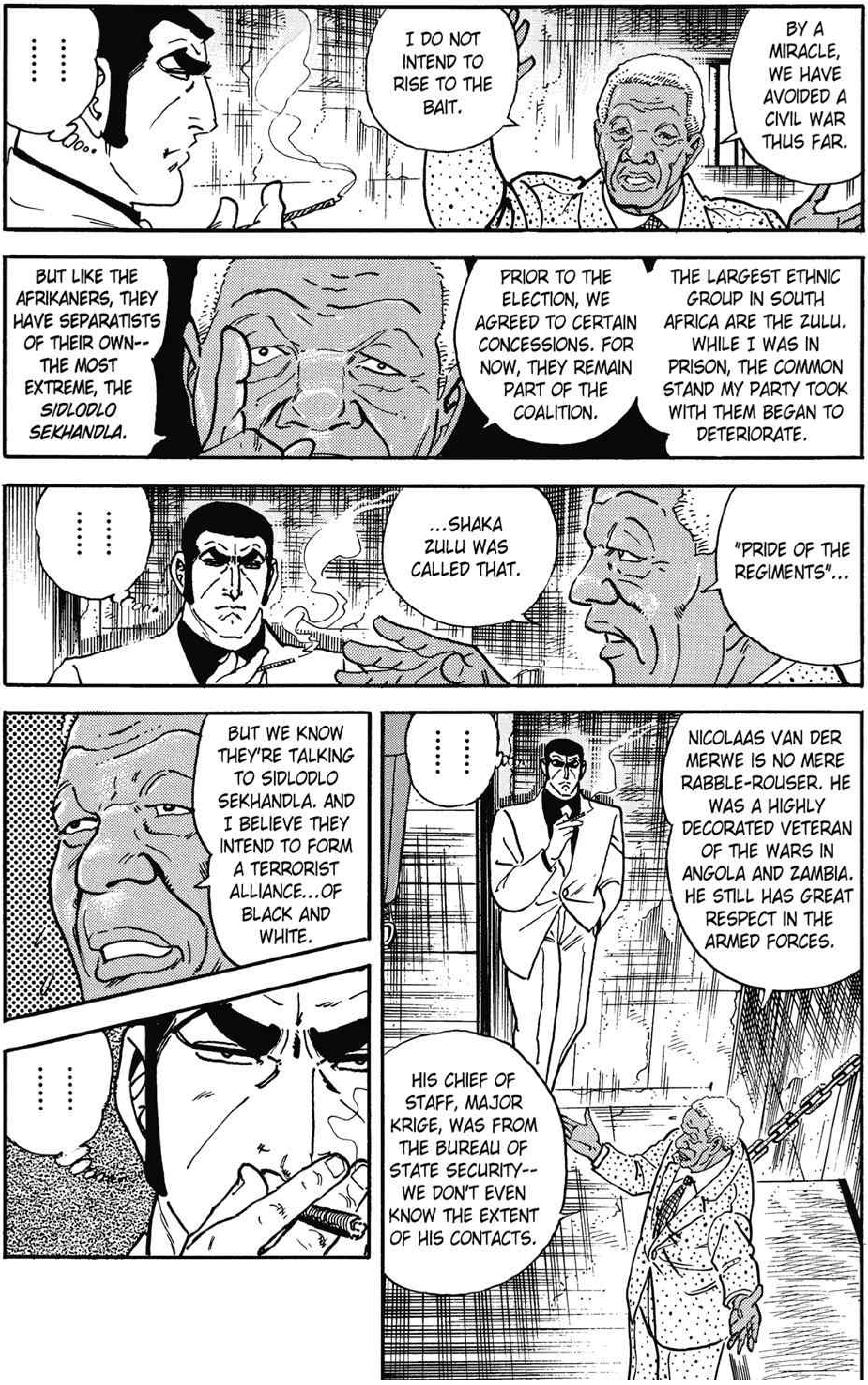
BY A MIRACLE, WE HAVE AVOIDED A CIVIL WAR THUS FAR.
I DO NOT INTEND TO RISE TO THE BAIT.
......
THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE THE ZULU. WHILE I WAS IN PRISON, THE COMMON STAND MY PARTY TOOK WITH THEM BEGAN TO DETERIORATE.
PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, WE AGREED TO CERTAIN CONCESSIONS. FOR NOW, THEY REMAIN PART OF THE COALITION.
BUT LIKE THE AFRIKANERS, THEY HAVE SEPARATISTS OF THEIR OWN--THE MOST EXTREME, THE *SIDLODLO SEKHANDLA*.
"PRIDE OF THE REGIMENTS"...
...SHAKA ZULU WAS CALLED THAT.
......
NICOLAAS VAN DER MERWE IS NO MERE RABBLE-ROUSER. HE WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED VETERAN OF THE WARS IN ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA. HE STILL HAS GREAT RESPECT IN THE ARMED FORCES.
......
HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, MAJOR KRIGE, WAS FROM THE BUREAU OF STATE SECURITY--WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE EXTENT OF HIS CONTACTS.
BUT WE KNOW THEY'RE TALKING TO SIDLODLO SEKHANDLA. AND I BELIEVE THEY INTEND TO FORM A TERRORIST ALLIANCE...OF BLACK AND WHITE.
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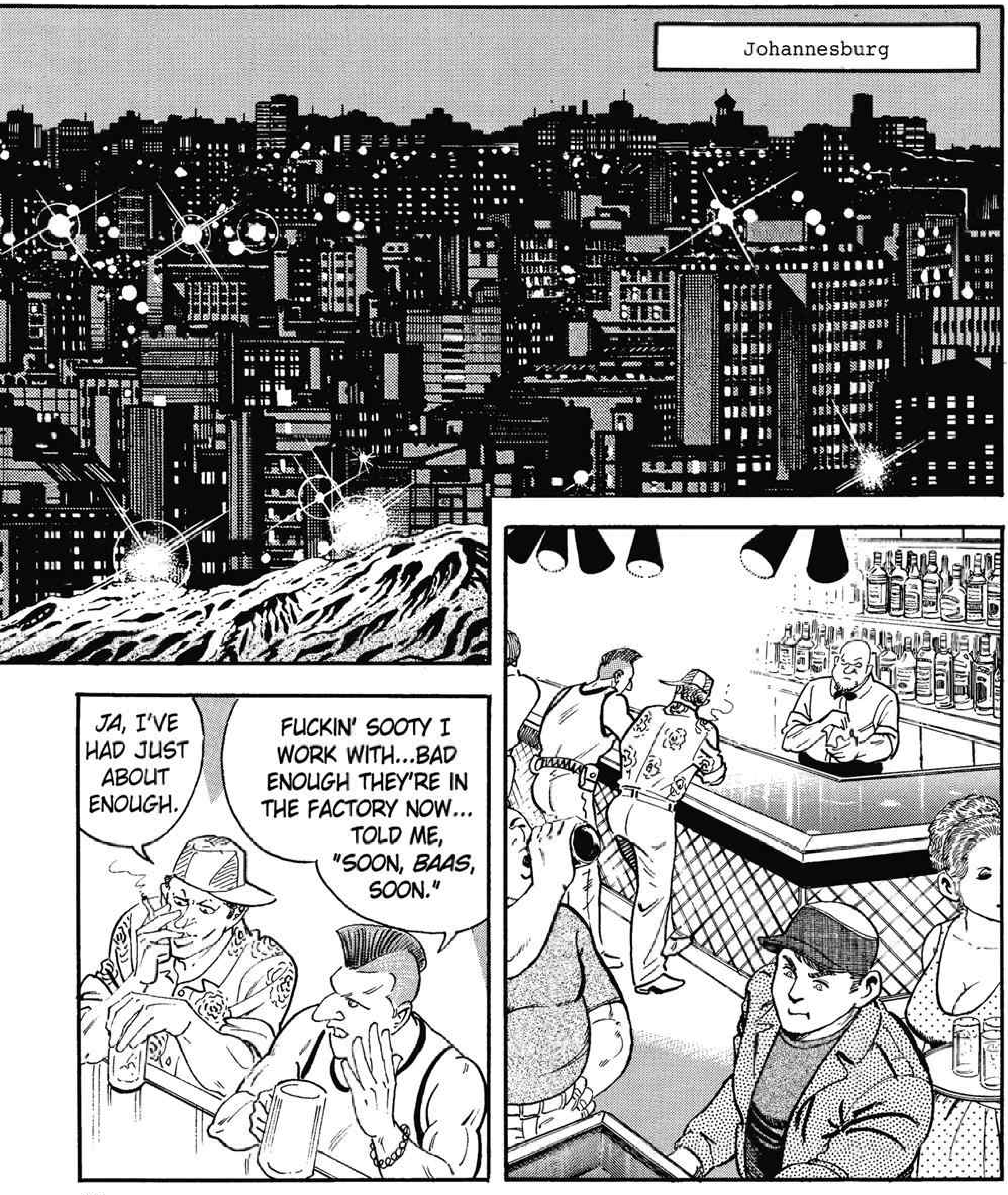
PART 4 UNITY AGAINST UNITY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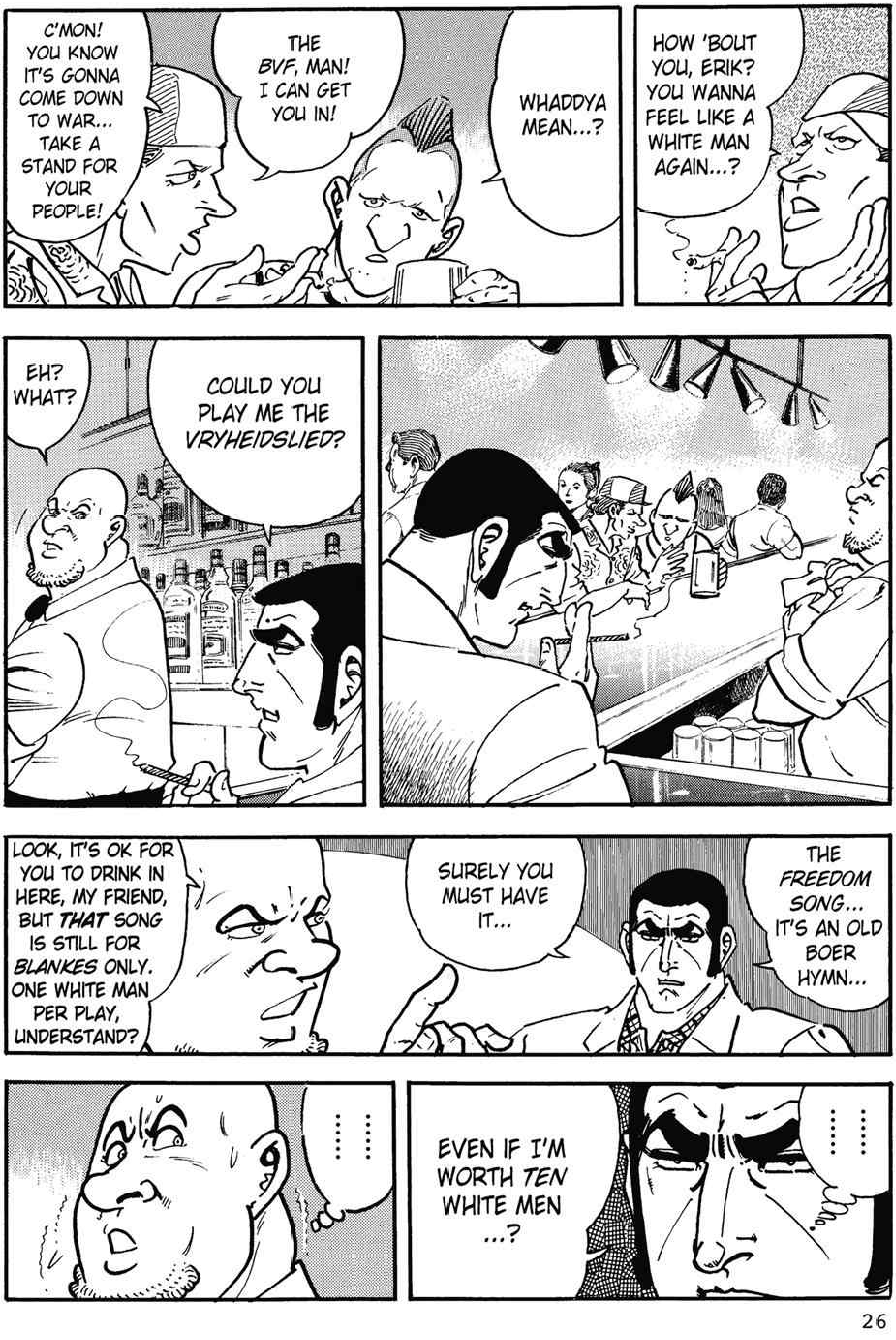
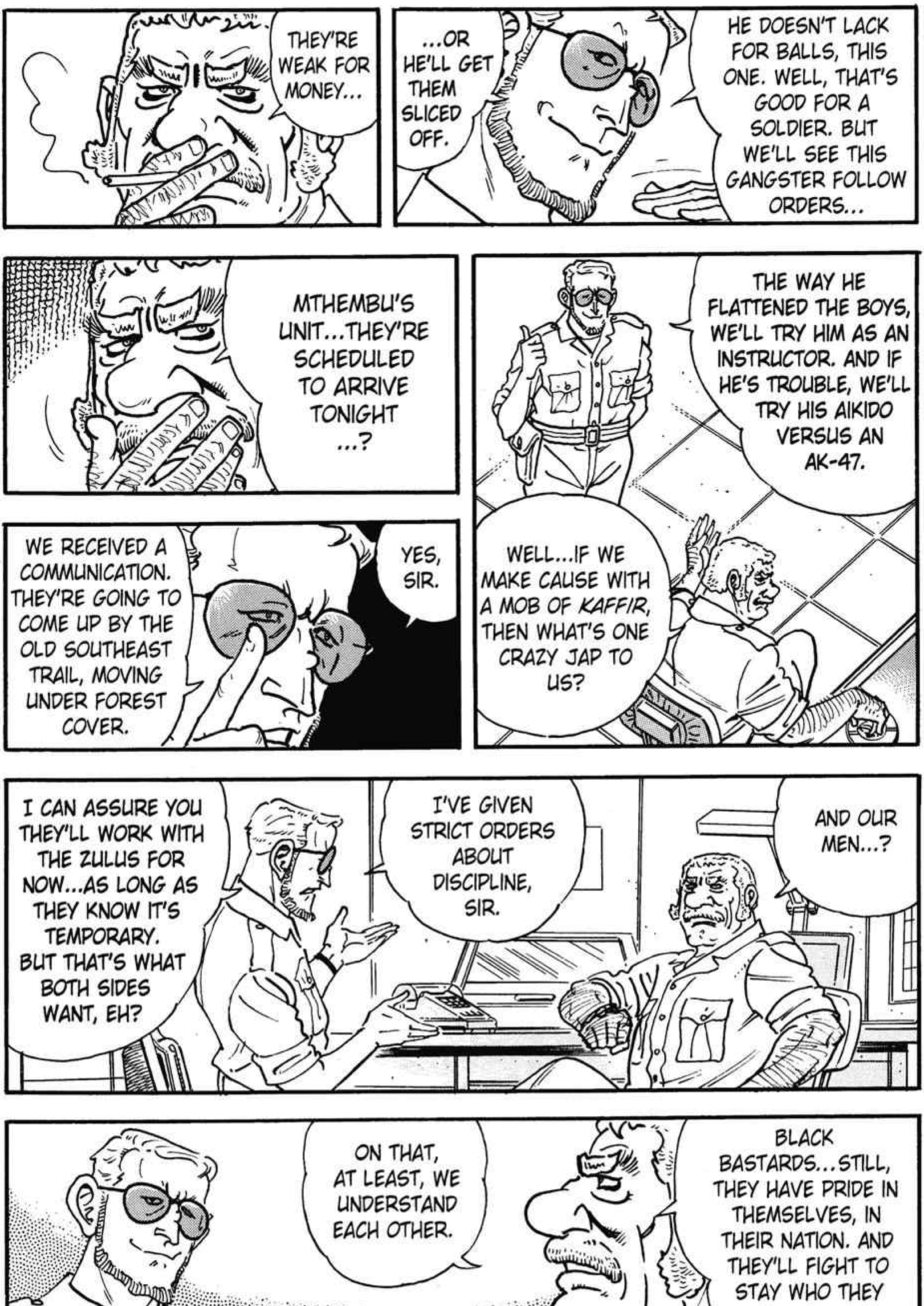
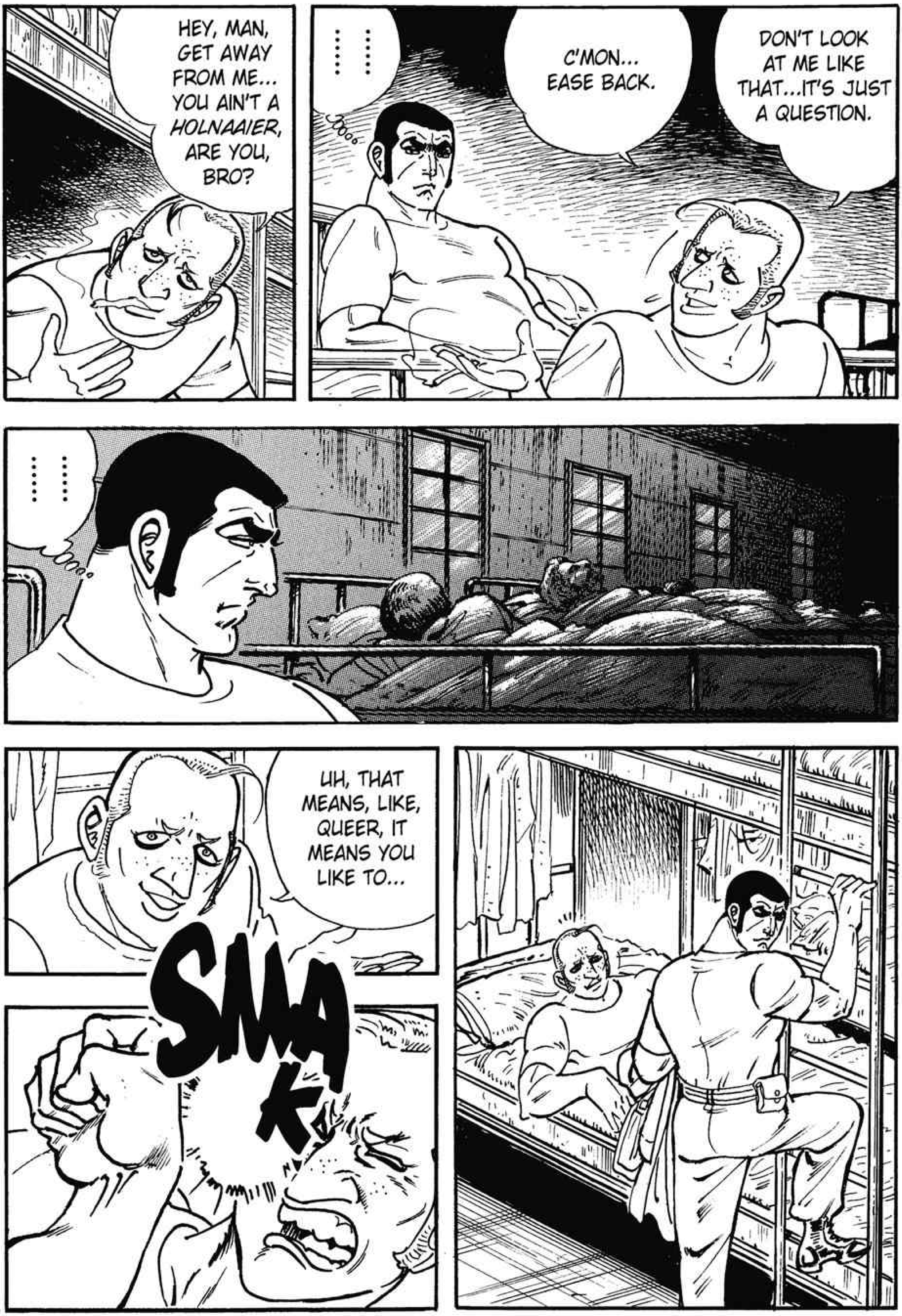
JA, I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH.
FUCKIN' SOOTY I WORK WITH...BAD ENOUGH THEY'RE IN THE FACTORY NOW... TOLD ME, "SOON, *BAAS*, SOON."


HOW 'BOUT YOU, ERIK? YOU WANNA FEEL LIKE A WHITE MAN AGAIN...?
WHADDYA MEAN...?
THE *BVF*, MAN! I CAN GET YOU IN!
C'MON! YOU KNOW IT'S GONNA COME DOWN TO WAR... TAKE A STAND FOR YOUR PEOPLE!
COULD YOU PLAY ME THE *VRYHEIDSLIED?*
EH? WHAT?
THE *FREEDOM* SONG... IT'S AN OLD BOER HYMN...
SURELY YOU MUST HAVE IT...
LOOK, IT'S OK FOR YOU TO DRINK IN HERE, MY FRIEND, BUT ***THAT*** SONG IS STILL FOR *BLANKES* ONLY. ONE WHITE MAN PER PLAY, UNDERSTAND?
……
EVEN IF I'M WORTH *TEN* WHITE MEN ...?
……

WHAT'S THAT, MAJOR?
A FRIEND GOT ME HIS POLICE FILE...ARRESTED ON A WEAPONS CHARGE, BROKE JAIL, ALMOST KILLED TWO GUARDS... THEN SHOWED UP LAST WEEK IN ONE OF OUR BARS AND CHALLENGED THEM TO A SCRAP...
KNOCKED TEN OUT COLD!
AND HE SAYS HE WANTS TO *JOIN UP?* WHY WOULD A JAPANESE DECIDE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US...?
THEY WERE COUNTED AS HONORARY WHITES UNDER APARTHEID...
...NOW THEY'RE NO ONE SPECIAL. *KAK*, THE GUY'S A CROOK... USED TO BE AN ENFORCER IN THE DIAMOND BUSINESS HERE.
AH.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS. BE IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR WHEN WE TAKE POWER, EH?
WHAT ELSE?

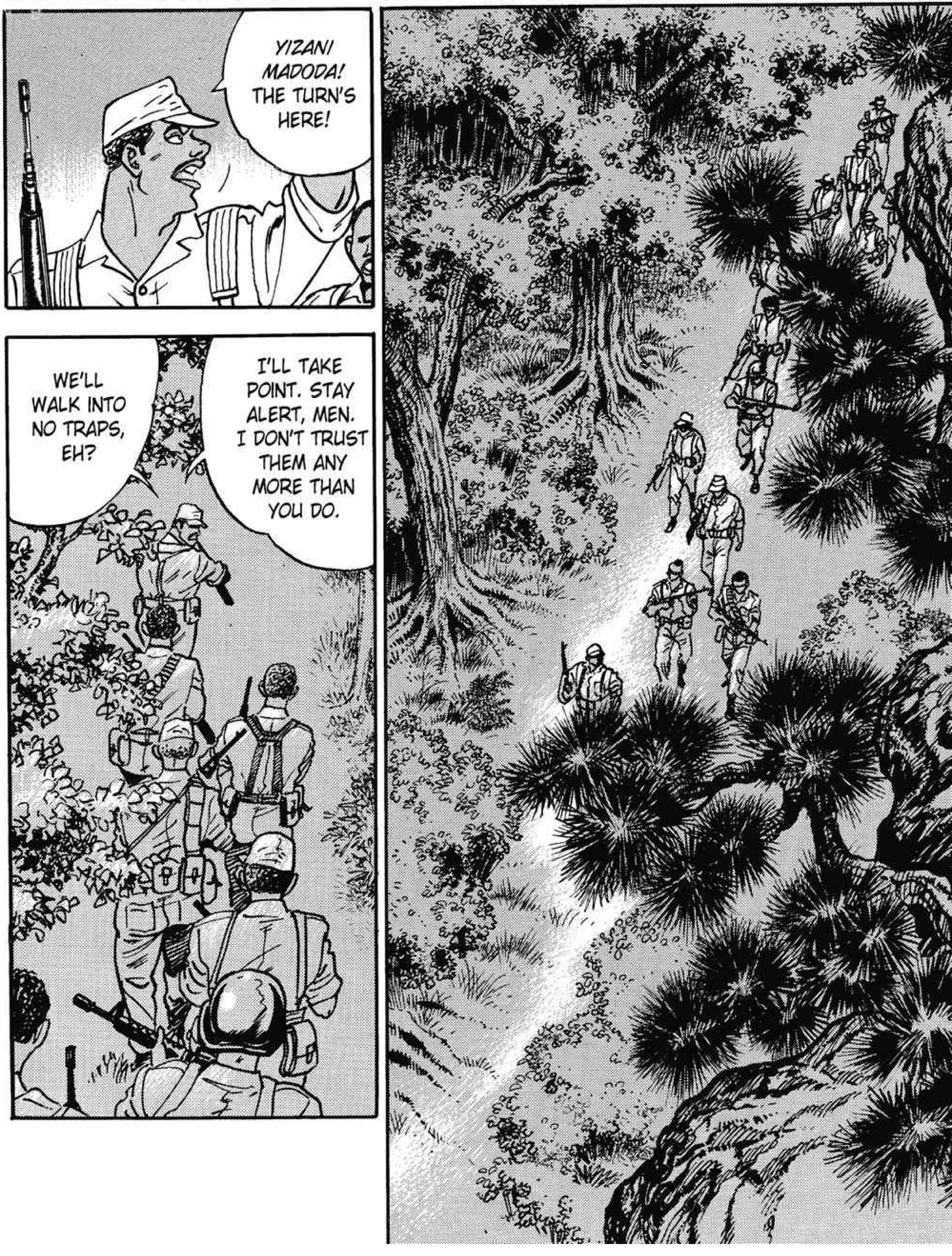

THEY'RE WEAK FOR MONEY...
...OR HE'LL GET THEM SLICED OFF.
HE DOESN'T LACK FOR BALLS, THIS ONE. WELL, THAT'S GOOD FOR A SOLDIER. BUT WE'LL SEE THIS GANGSTER FOLLOW ORDERS...
MTHEMBU'S UNIT...THEY'RE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TONIGHT ...?
WE RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION. THEY'RE GOING TO COME UP BY THE OLD SOUTHEAST TRAIL, MOVING UNDER FOREST COVER.
YES, SIR.
THE WAY HE FLATTENED THE BOYS, WE'LL TRY HIM AS AN INSTRUCTOR. AND IF HE'S TROUBLE, WE'LL TRY HIS AIKIDO VERSUS AN AK-47.
WELL...IF WE MAKE CAUSE WITH A MOB OF *KAFFIR*, THEN WHAT'S ONE CRAZY JAP TO US?
I CAN ASSURE YOU THEY'LL WORK WITH THE ZULUS FOR NOW...AS LONG AS THEY KNOW IT'S TEMPORARY. BUT THAT'S WHAT BOTH SIDES WANT, EH?
I'VE GIVEN STRICT ORDERS ABOUT DISCIPLINE, SIR.
AND OUR MEN...?
ON THAT, AT LEAST, WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.
BLACK BASTARDS...STILL, THEY HAVE PRIDE IN THEMSELVES, IN THEIR NATION. AND THEY'LL FIGHT TO STAY WHO THEY ARE.

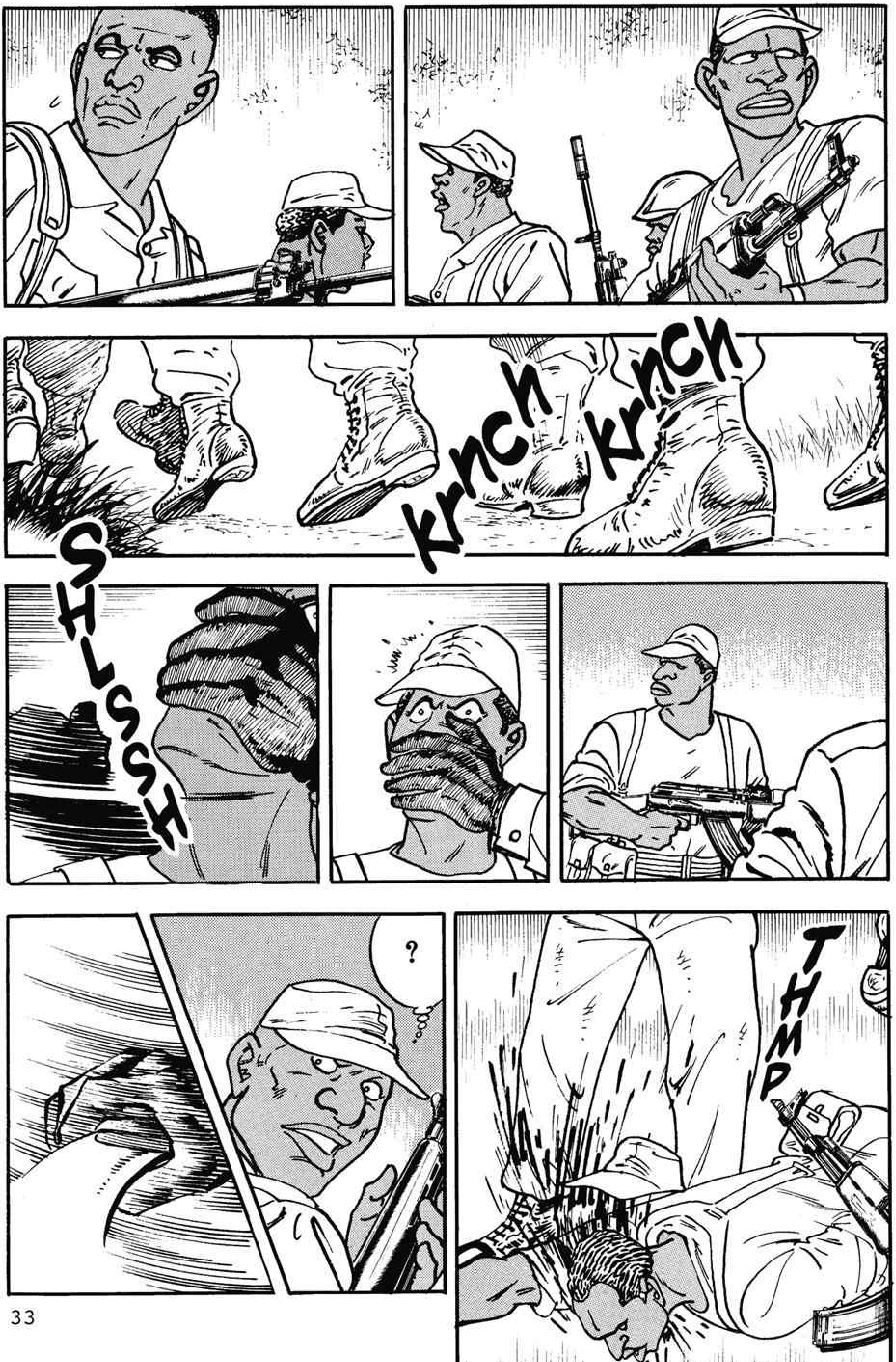
LOTS OF FRIENDS OF MINE TRYING TO GET OUTTA SOUTH AFRICA..AND HERE WE HAVE YOU, TRYING TO GET IN. YOU GOT JUST ONE RACE IN JAPAN... HOW YOU GOING TO UNDERSTAND THIS WAR?
…… ……
DE KLERK... FUCKER SOLD US OUT. TAKES MANDELA OUT OF PRISON AND THEN TURNS OUR COUNTRY INTO ONE.
SHIT, IF I HAD THE MONEY, MAYBE I'D LEAVE, TOO. I AIN'T A FOOL. YOU STAND ON SOMEONE'S THROAT LONG ENOUGH, THEY'RE GONNA CUT YOURS, THEY GET THE CHANCE.
BUT YOU JAPANESE, I MEAN...
...YOU'RE ALL RICH ALREADY, RIGHT?


HEY, MAN, GET AWAY FROM ME... YOU AIN'T A *HOLNAAIER*, ARE YOU, BRO?
......
C'MON... EASE BACK.
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT...IT'S JUST A QUESTION.
......
UH, THAT MEANS, LIKE, QUEER, IT MEANS YOU LIKE TO...
SMAK

PART 5

RED BLACK AND GREEN


YIZANI MADODA! THE TURN'S HERE!
WE'LL WALK INTO NO TRAPS, EH?
I'LL TAKE POINT. STAY ALERT, MEN. I DON'T TRUST THEM ANY MORE THAN YOU DO.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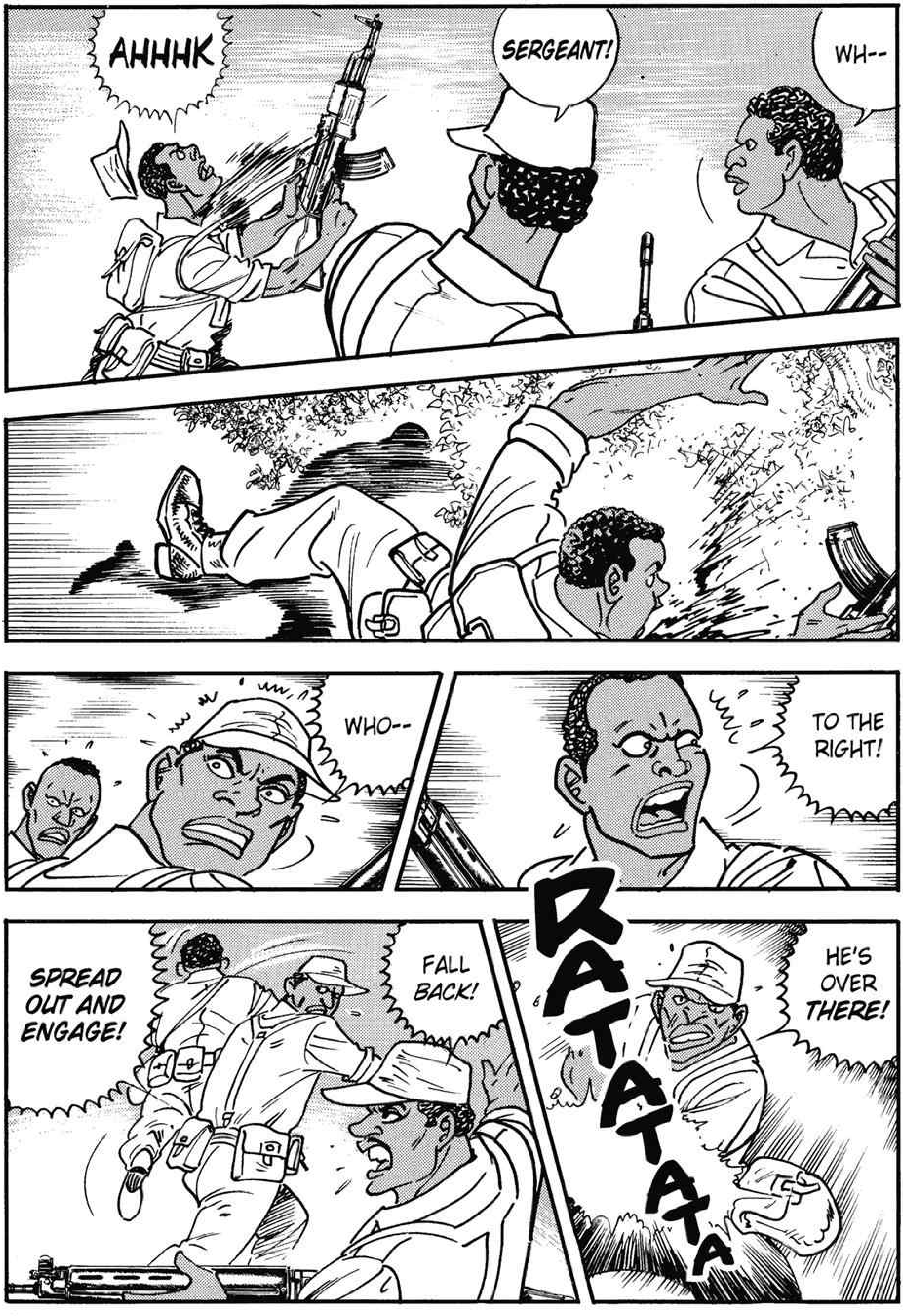
SHLSSSH
?
THMP

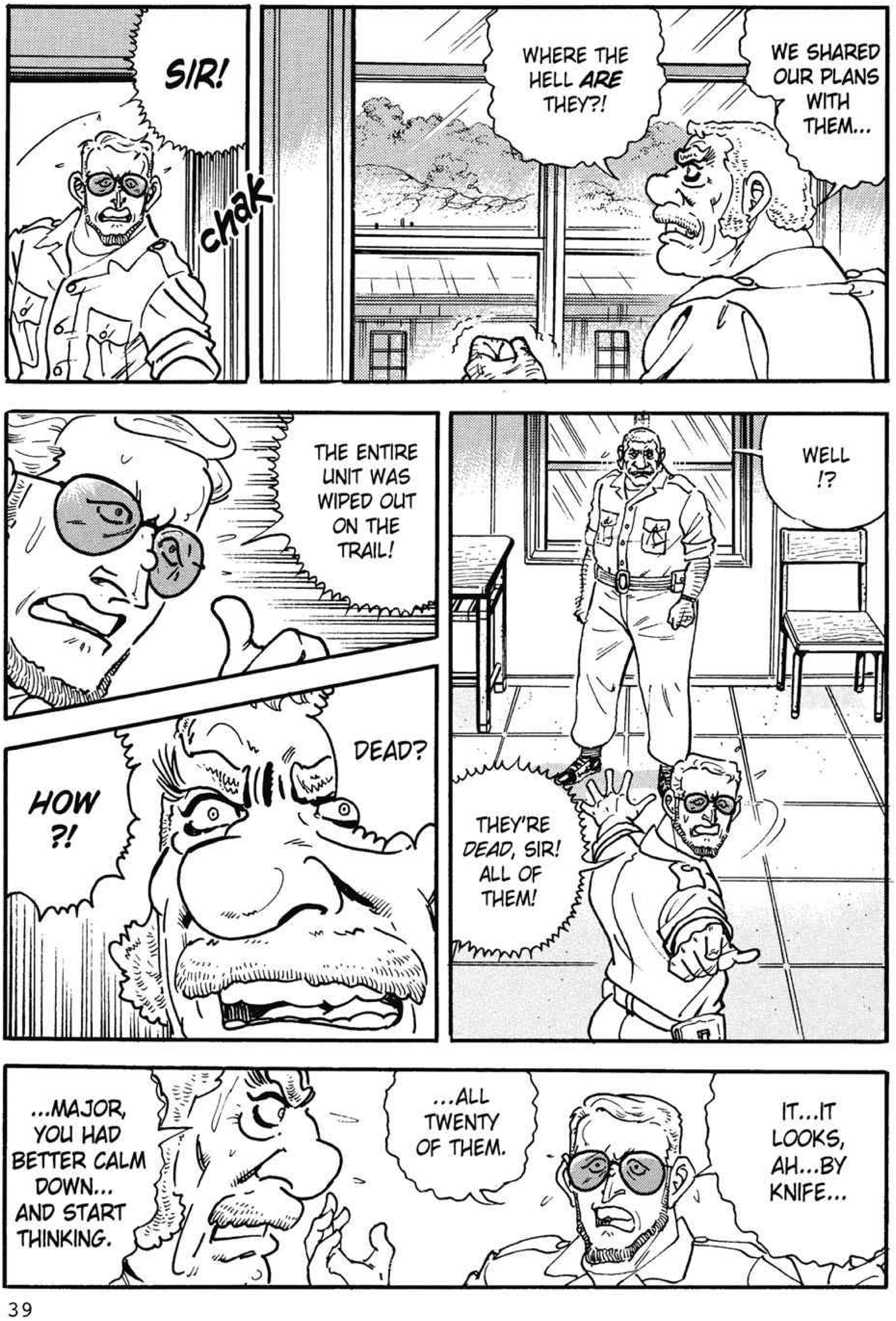
TWUNCH
KKKRRRRRPPPP
ZWELA!


WH--
SERGEANT!
AHHHK
TO THE RIGHT!
WHO--
HE'S OVER THERE!
RATATATATA
FALL BACK!
SPREAD OUT AND ENGAGE!

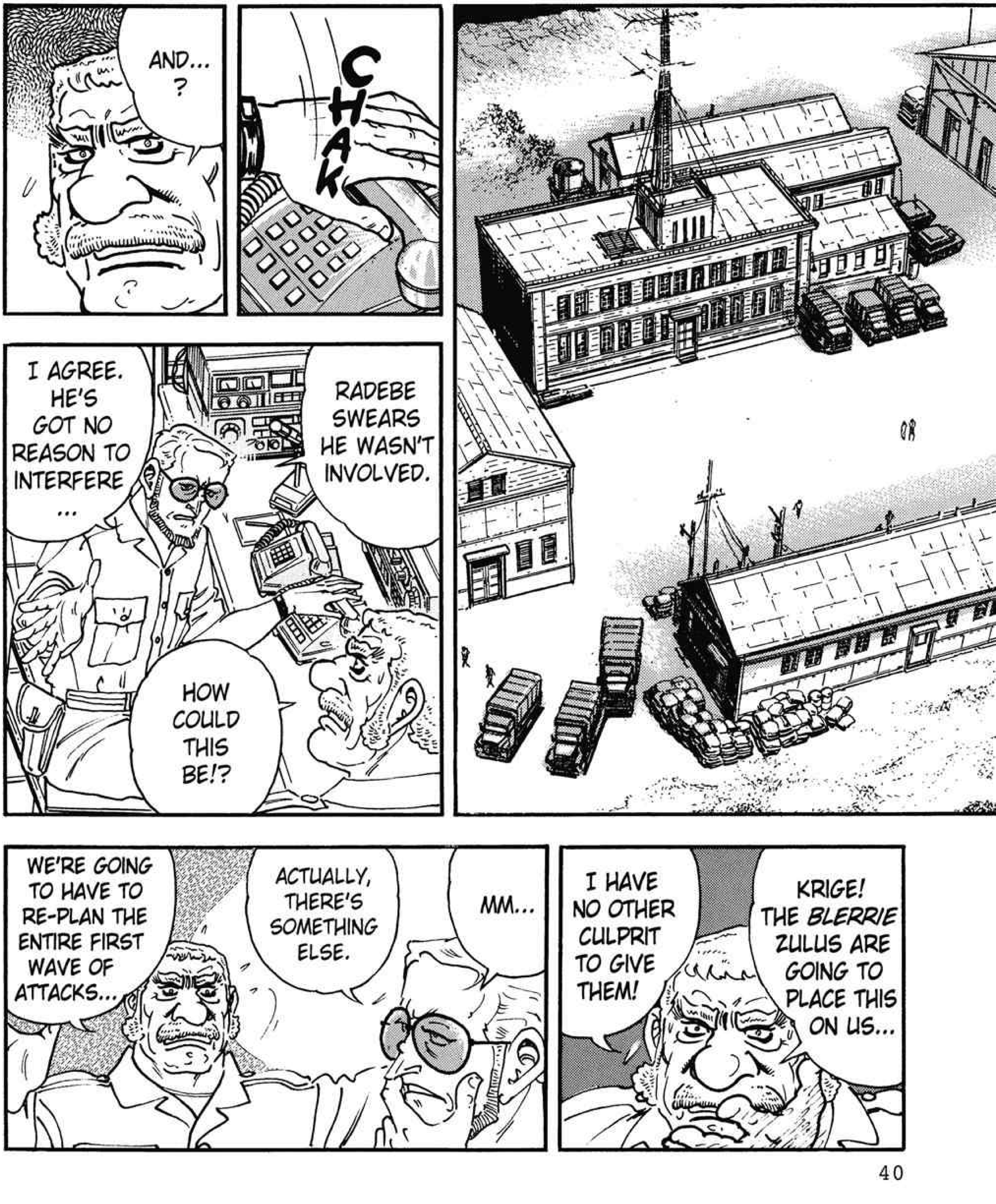
RATATATATATATATA
BRRRRRRRPPP
RATATATATATATATAT
RATATATATATATAT
THEY'RE THREE HOURS LATE, GODDAMNIT! I THOUGHT *COMMANDER* MTHEMBU COULD AT LEAST TELL **TIME!**
NO, COLONEL...I THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG. SIDLODLO SEKHANDLA HAS A LOT RIDING ON THIS LINK-UP.
I'LL GO SEE FOR MYSELF.
VERY WELL, MAJOR.
GET A SEARCH PARTY, KRIGE.
IF THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THEIR MIND.
YES, SIR!

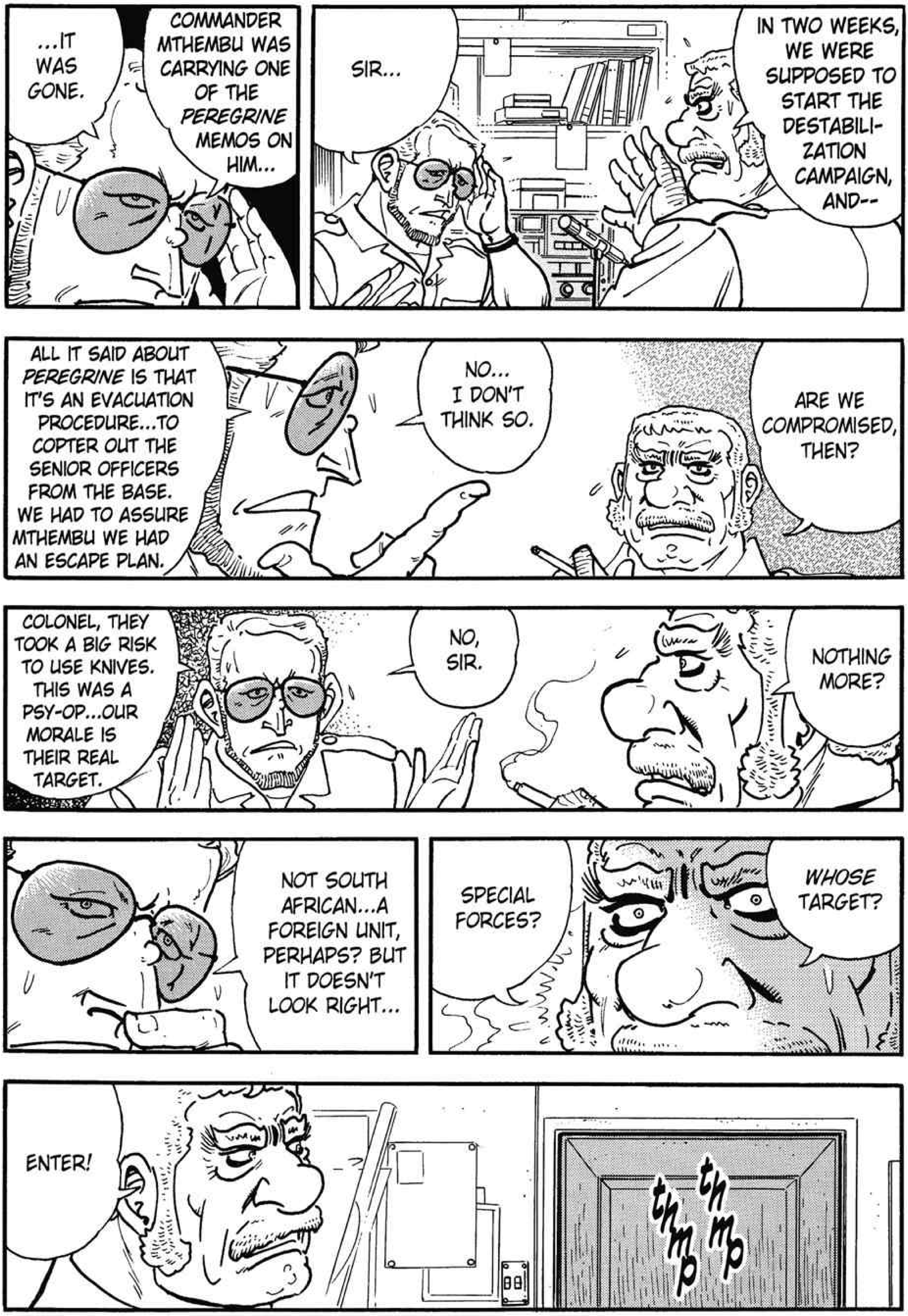
Kyeeee, Kyeeeee

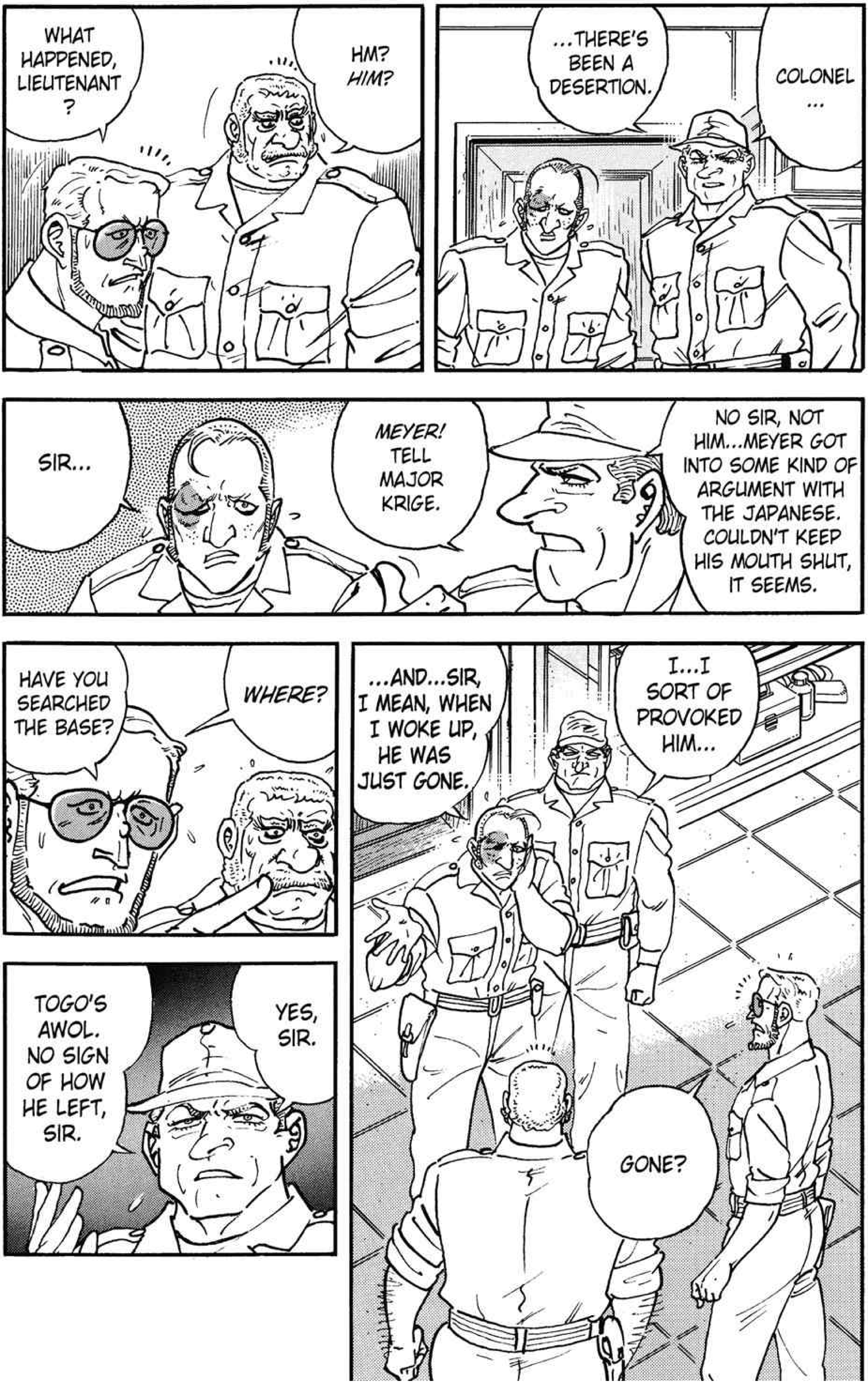
DAMN YOU, MTHEMBU...
...I'VE GOT A TIMETABLE!

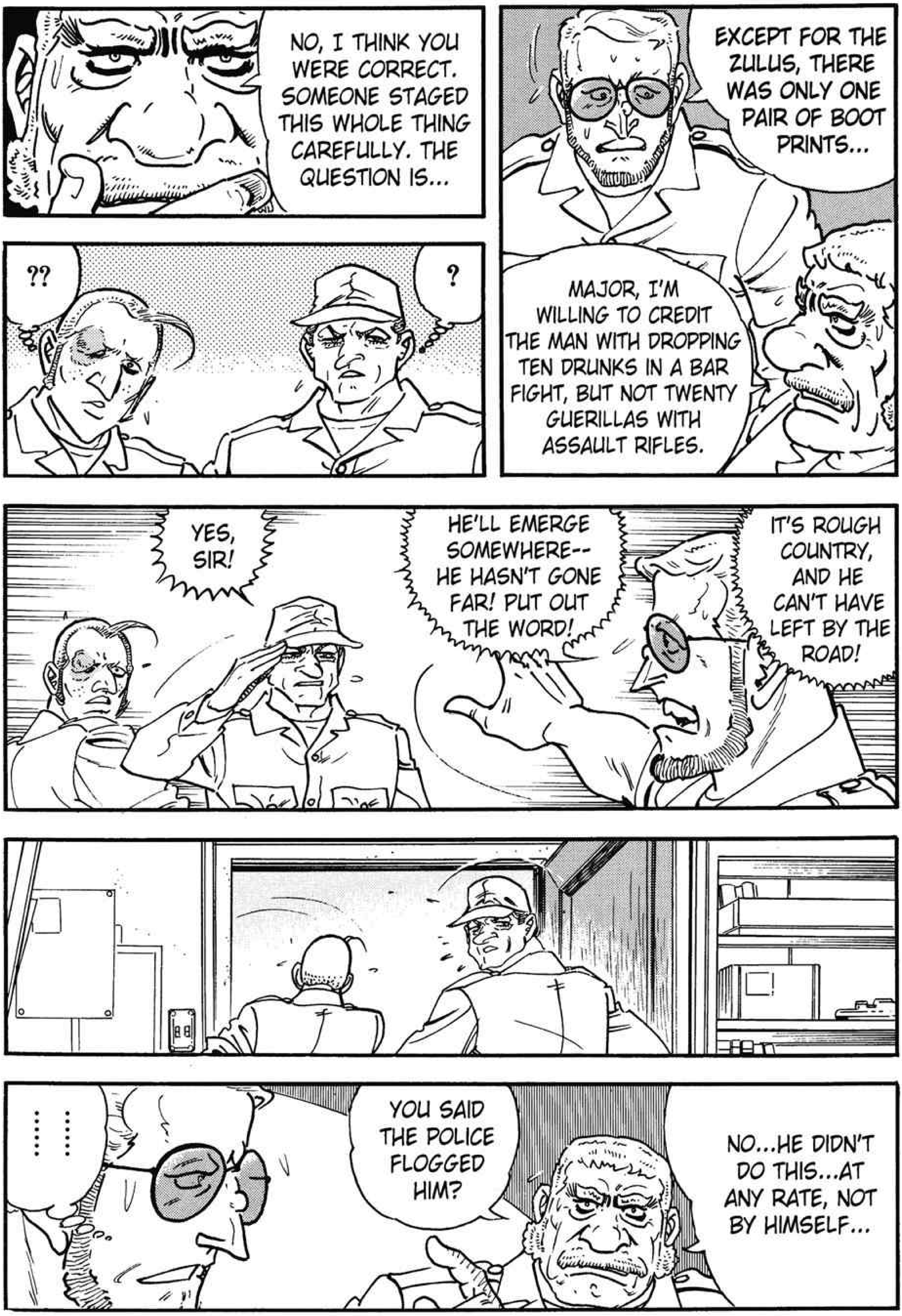

WE SHARED OUR PLANS WITH THEM...
WHERE THE HELL **ARE** THEY?!
chak
SIR!
WELL !?
THEY'RE *DEAD*, SIR! ALL OF THEM!
THE ENTIRE UNIT WAS WIPED OUT ON THE TRAIL!
DEAD?
HOW ?!
IT...IT LOOKS, AH...BY KNIFE...
...ALL TWENTY OF THEM.
...MAJOR, YOU HAD BETTER CALM DOWN... AND START THINKING.

PART 6 VANISHED VOLUNTEER


CHAK
AND...?
RADEBE SWEARS HE WASN'T INVOLVED.
I AGREE. HE'S GOT NO REASON TO INTERFERE...
HOW COULD THIS BE!?
KRIGE! THE *BLERRIE* ZULUS ARE GOING TO PLACE THIS ON US...
I HAVE NO OTHER CULPRIT TO GIVE THEM!
MM...
ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RE-PLAN THE ENTIRE FIRST WAVE OF ATTACKS...


IN TWO WEEKS, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO START THE DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN, AND--
SIR...
COMMANDER MTHEMBU WAS CARRYING ONE OF THE *PEREGRINE* MEMOS ON HIM...
...IT WAS GONE.
ARE WE COMPROMISED, THEN?
NO... I DON'T THINK SO.
ALL IT SAID ABOUT *PEREGRINE* IS THAT IT'S AN EVACUATION PROCEDURE...TO COPTER OUT THE SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE BASE. WE HAD TO ASSURE MTHEMBU WE HAD AN ESCAPE PLAN.
NOTHING MORE?
NO, SIR.
COLONEL, THEY TOOK A BIG RISK TO USE KNIVES. THIS WAS A PSY-OP...OUR MORALE IS THEIR REAL TARGET.
WHOSE TARGET?
SPECIAL FORCES?
NOT SOUTH AFRICAN...A FOREIGN UNIT, PERHAPS? BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT...
thmp thmp
ENTER!


COLONEL...
...THERE'S BEEN A DESERTION.
HM? *HIM?*
WHAT HAPPENED, LIEUTENANT?
NO SIR, NOT HIM...MEYER GOT INTO SOME KIND OF ARGUMENT WITH THE JAPANESE. COULDN'T KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT, IT SEEMS.
MEYER! TELL MAJOR KRIGE.
SIR...
I...I SORT OF PROVOKED HIM...
...AND...SIR, I MEAN, WHEN I WOKE UP, HE WAS JUST GONE.
GONE?
WHERE?
HAVE YOU SEARCHED THE BASE?
YES, SIR.
TOGO'S AWOL. NO SIGN OF HOW HE LEFT, SIR.


EXCEPT FOR THE ZULUS, THERE WAS ONLY ONE PAIR OF BOOT PRINTS...
MAJOR, I'M WILLING TO CREDIT THE MAN WITH DROPPING TEN DRUNKS IN A BAR FIGHT, BUT NOT TWENTY GUERILLAS WITH ASSAULT RIFLES.
NO, I THINK YOU WERE CORRECT. SOMEONE STAGED THIS WHOLE THING CAREFULLY. THE QUESTION IS...
?
??
IT'S ROUGH COUNTRY, AND HE CAN'T HAVE LEFT BY THE ROAD!
HE'LL EMERGE SOMEWHERE--HE HASN'T GONE FAR! PUT OUT THE WORD!
YES, SIR!
NO...HE DIDN'T DO THIS...AT ANY RATE, NOT BY HIMSELF...
YOU SAID THE POLICE FLOGGED HIM?
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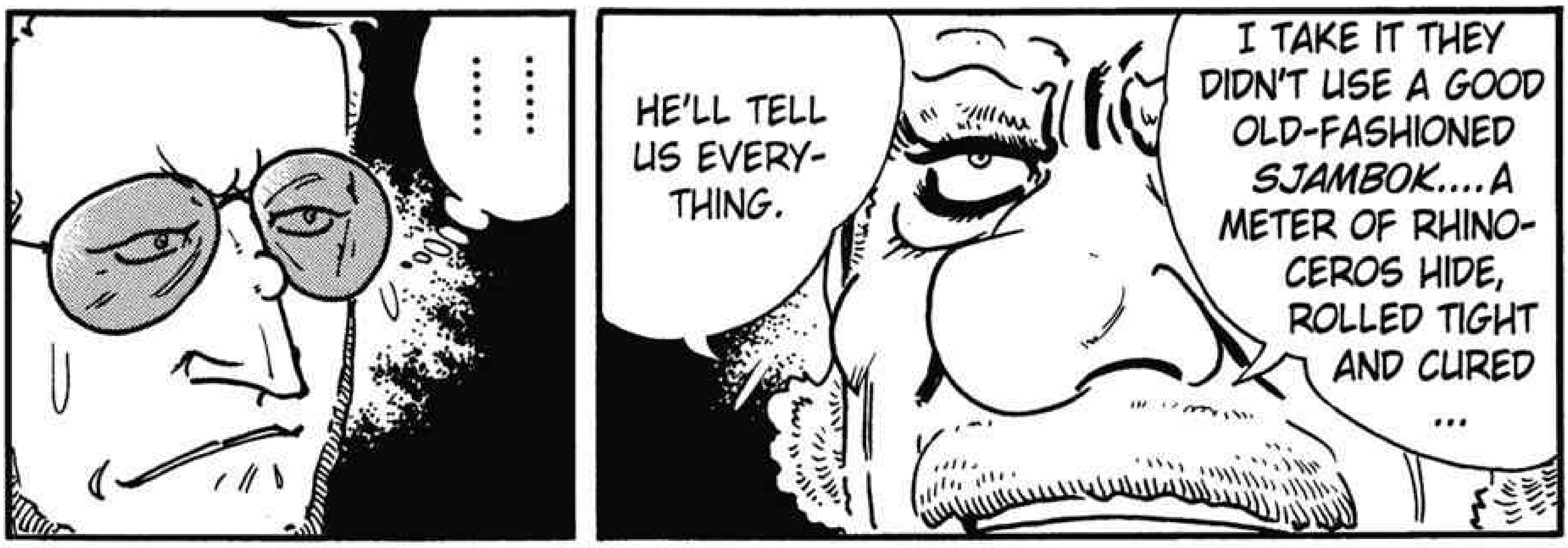
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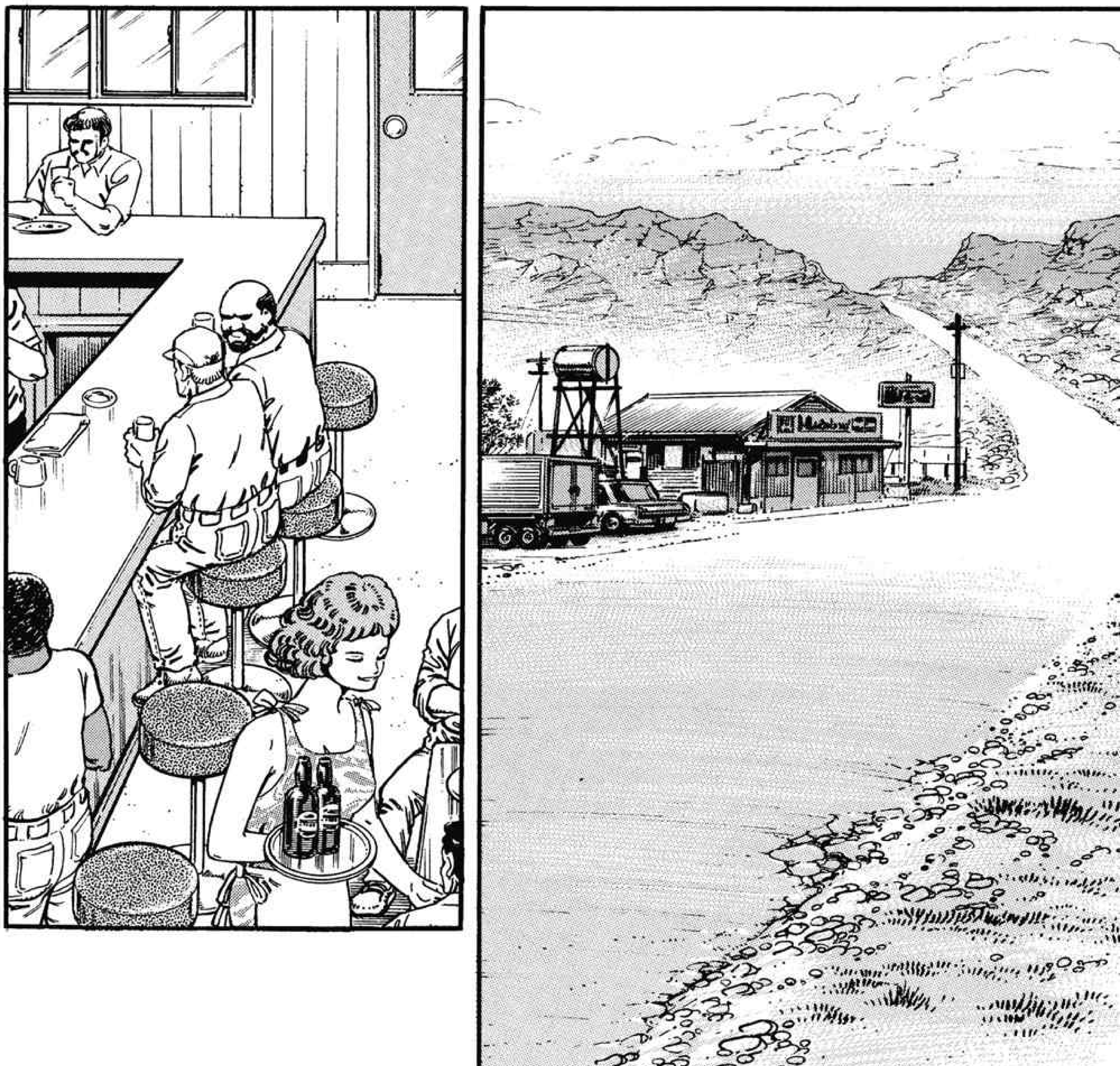
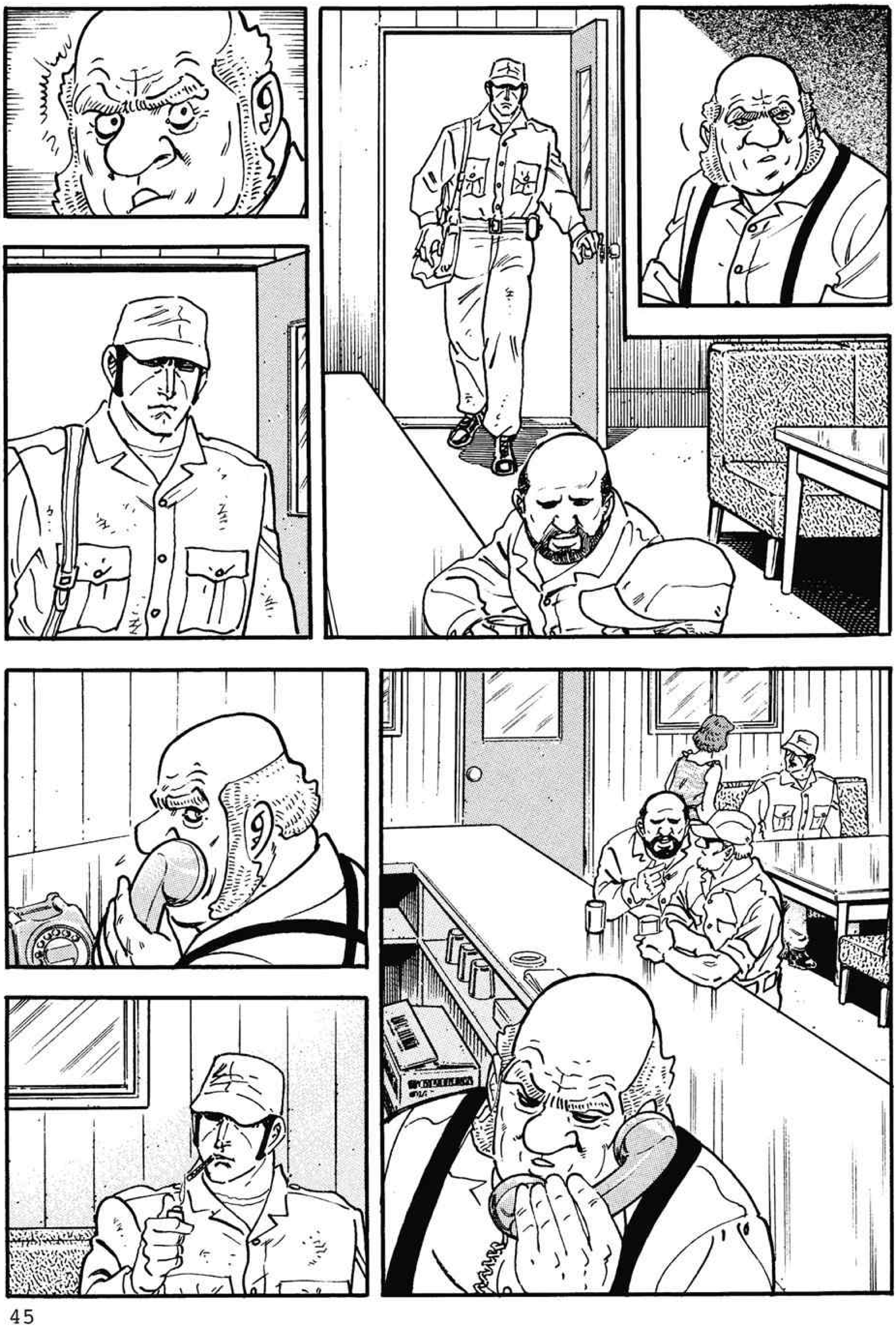
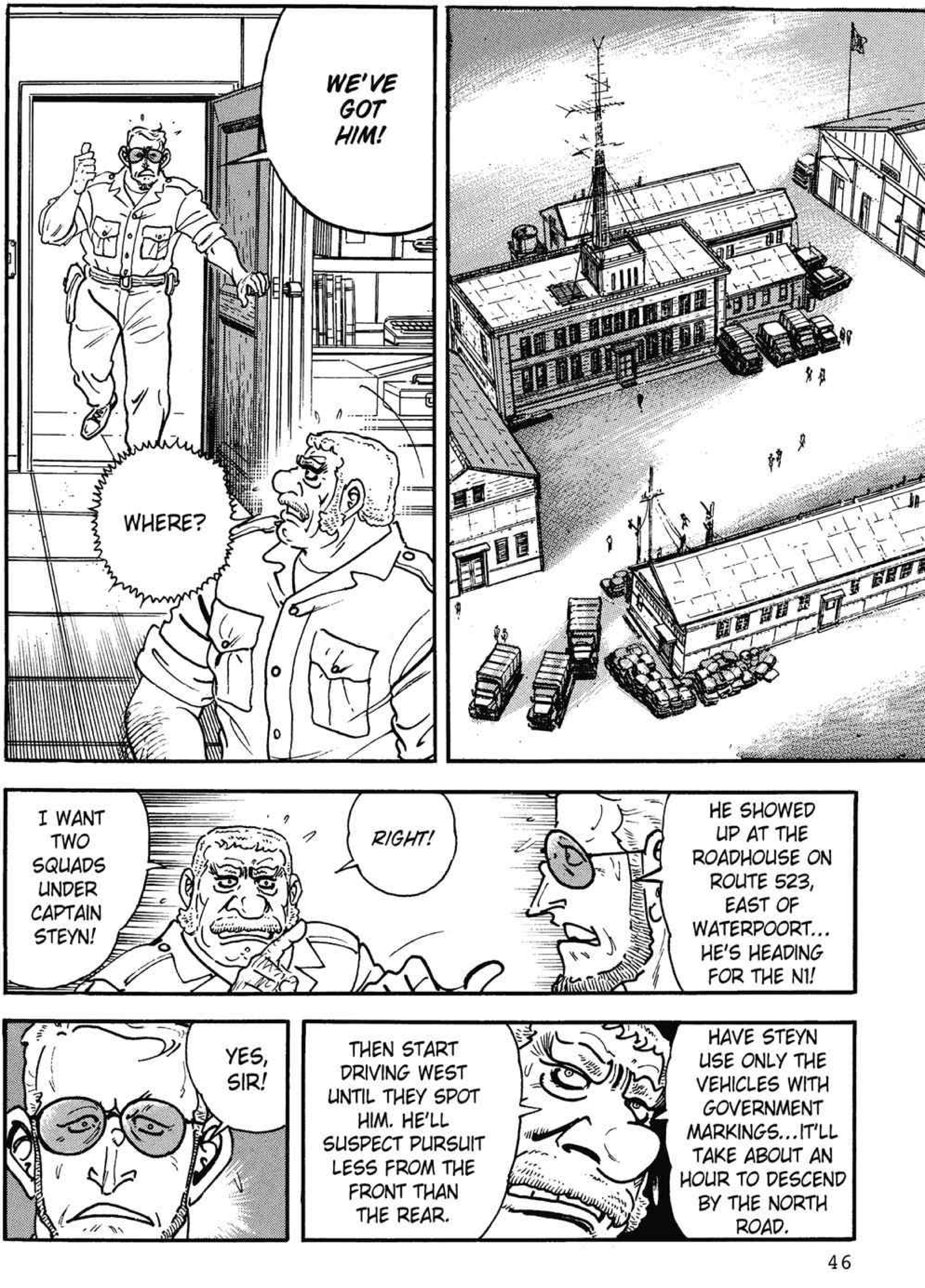
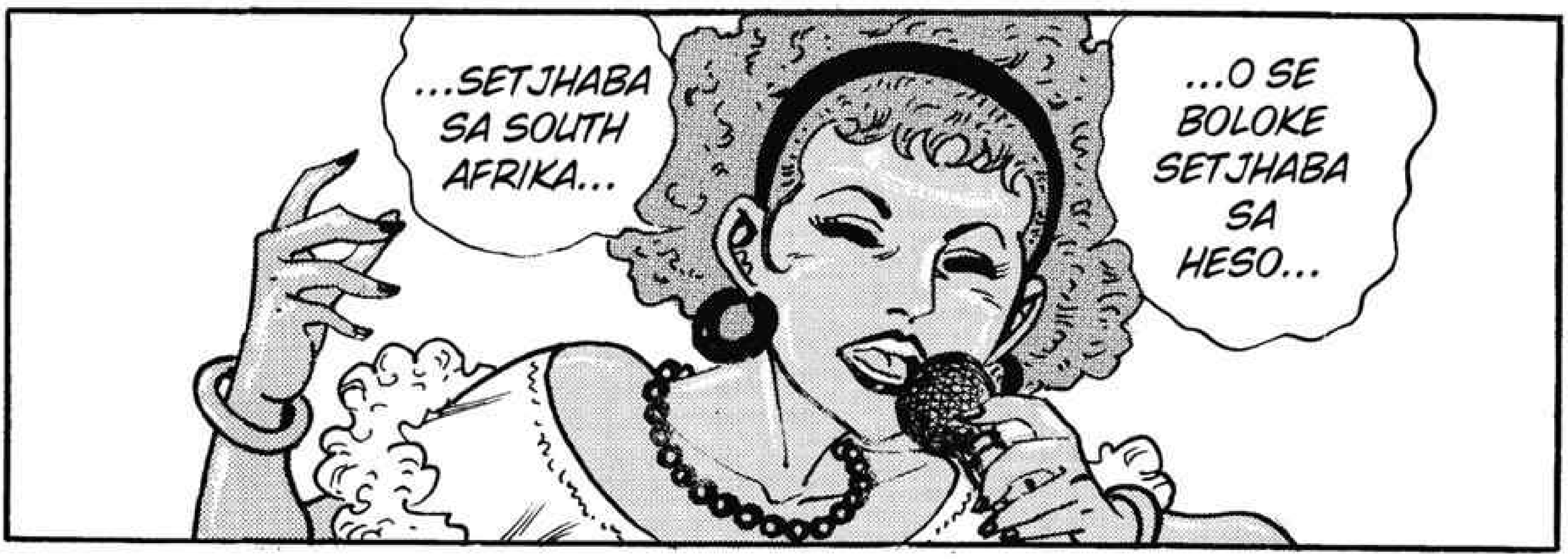
HE'LL TELL US EVERYTHING.
I TAKE IT THEY DIDN'T USE A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED *SJAMBOK*....A METER OF RHINOCEROS HIDE, ROLLED TIGHT AND CURED ...

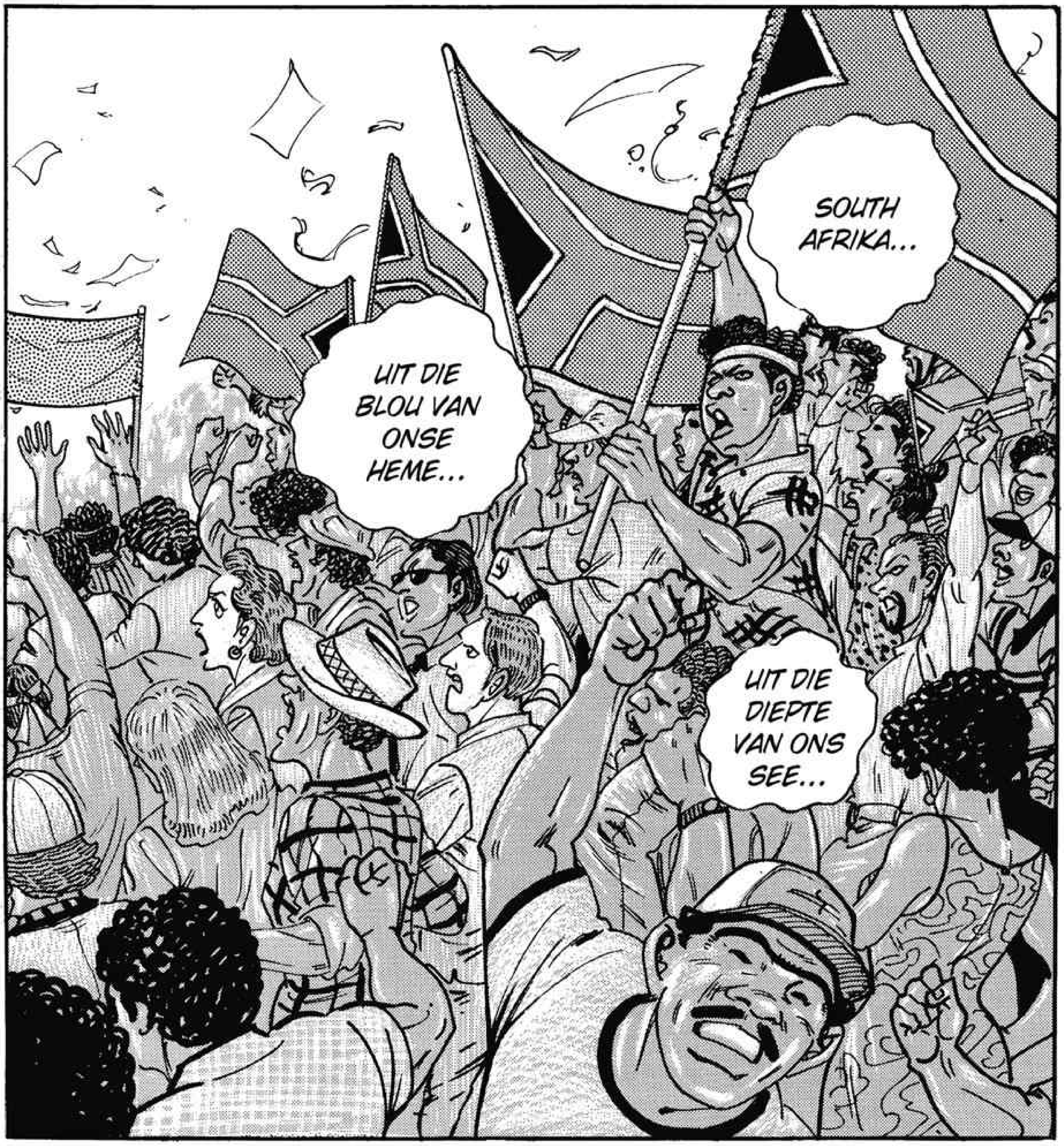
PART 7 MAN IN THE NET

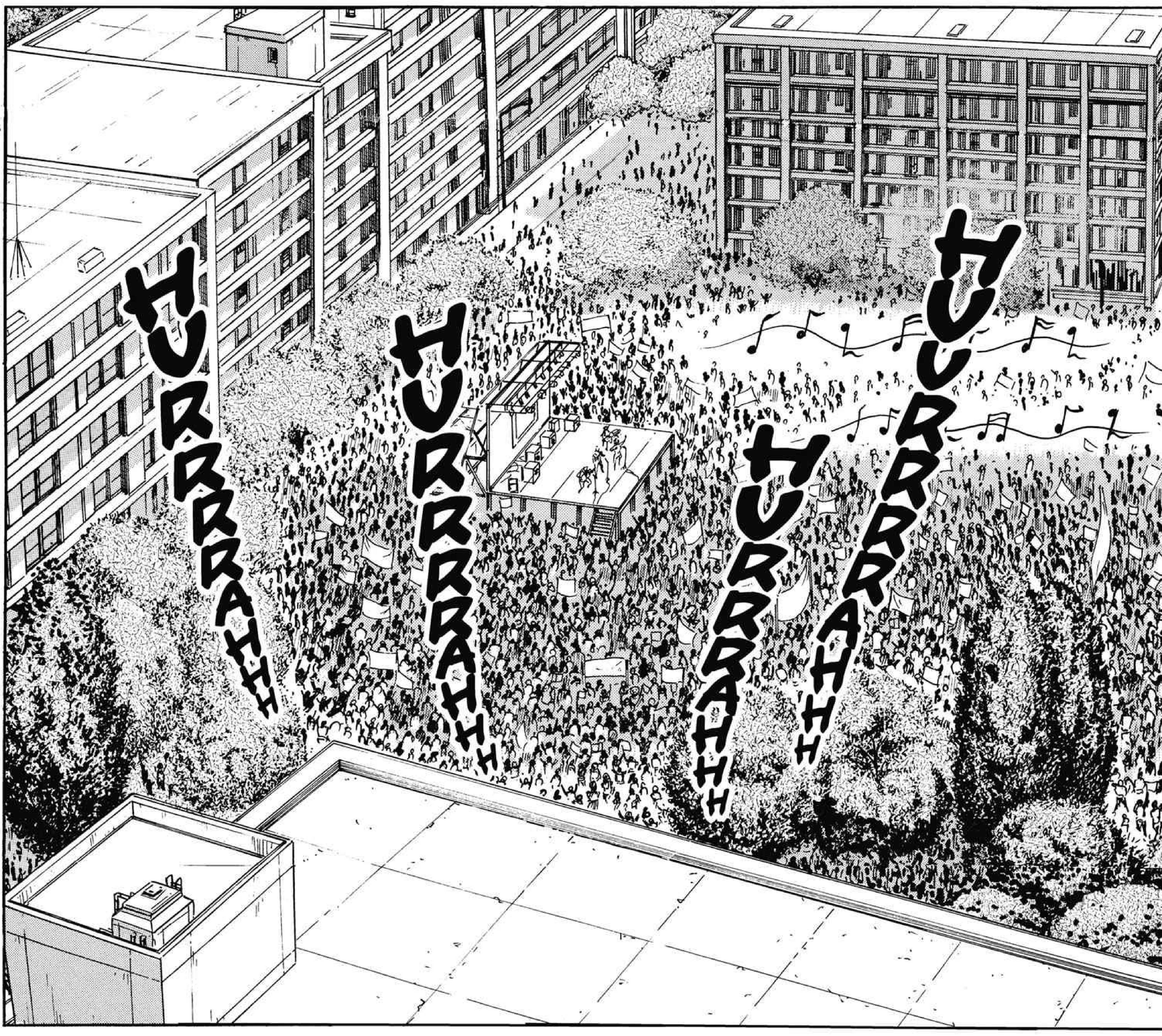





WE'VE GOT HIM!
WHERE?
HE SHOWED UP AT THE ROADHOUSE ON ROUTE 523, EAST OF WATERPOORT... HE'S HEADING FOR THE N1!
RIGHT!
I WANT TWO SQUADS UNDER CAPTAIN STEYN!
HAVE STEYN USE ONLY THE VEHICLES WITH GOVERNMENT MARKINGS...IT'LL TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR TO DESCEND BY THE NORTH ROAD.
THEN START DRIVING WEST UNTIL THEY SPOT HIM. HE'LL SUSPECT PURSUIT LESS FROM THE FRONT THAN THE REAR.
YES, SIR!


...SETJHABA SA SOUTH AFRIKA...
...O SE BOLOKE SETJHABA SA HESO...


SOUTH AFRIKA...
UIT DIE BLOU VAN ONSE HEME...
UIT DIE DIEPTE VAN ONS SEE...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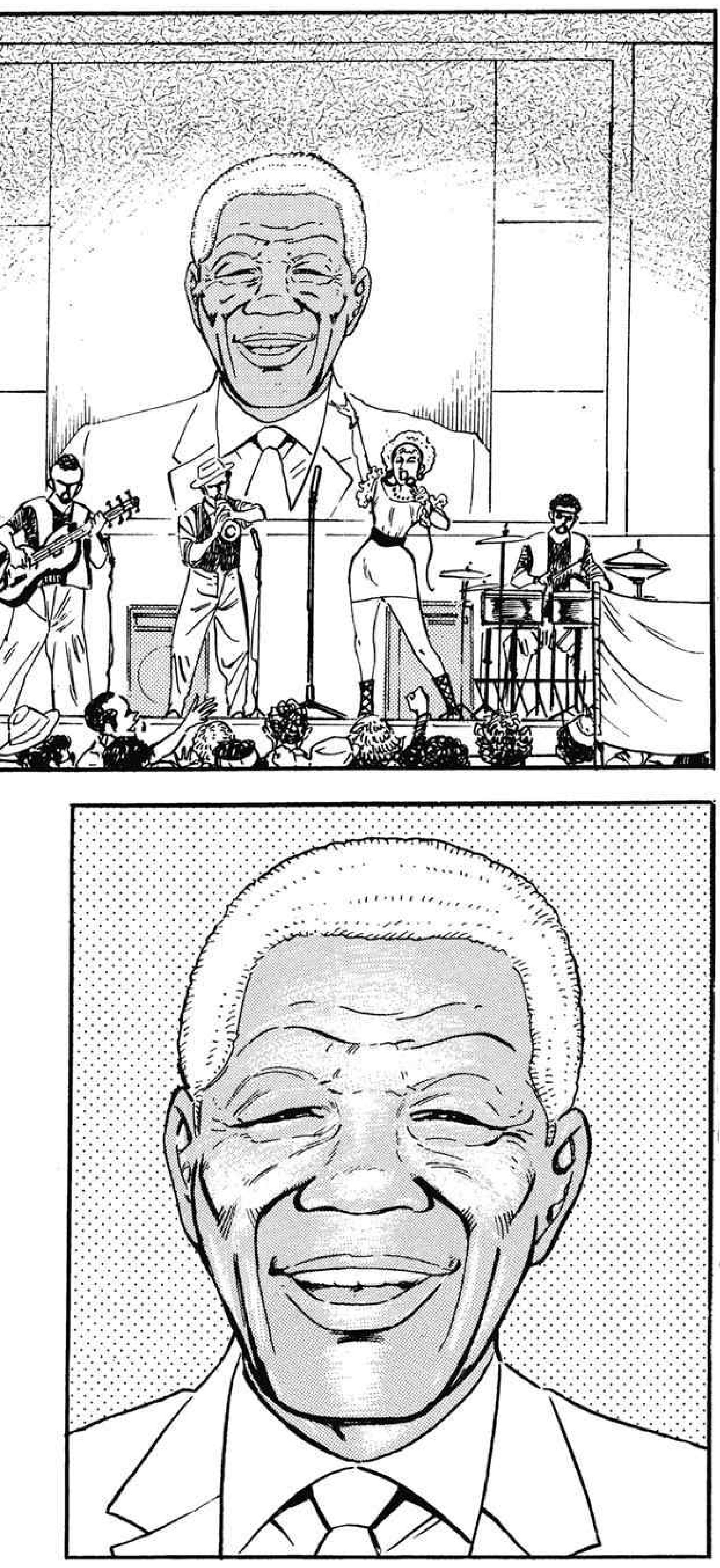
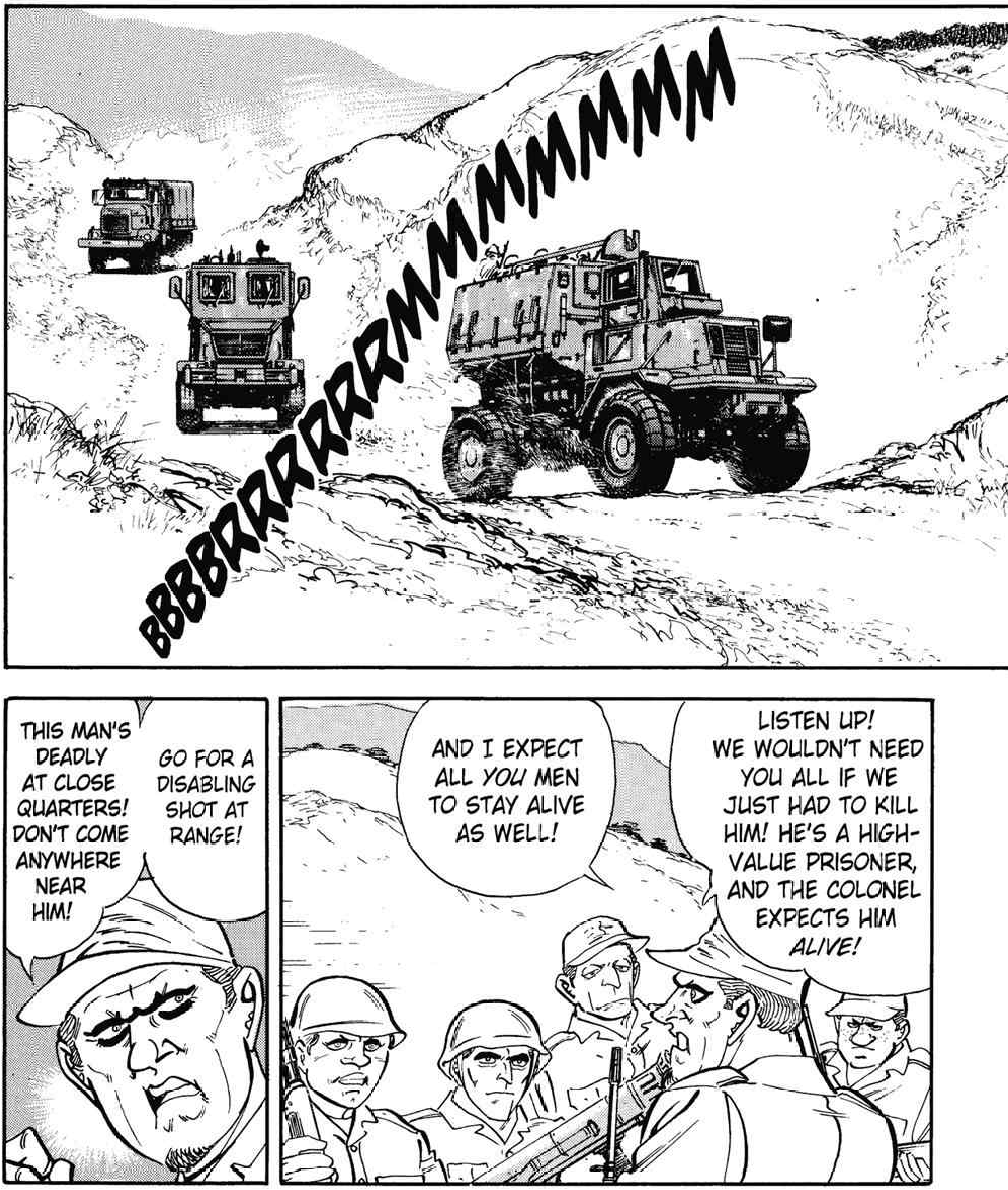
HURRRRAHHHH
HURRRRAHHH
HURRRRAHHH



PART 8 DRY GULCH

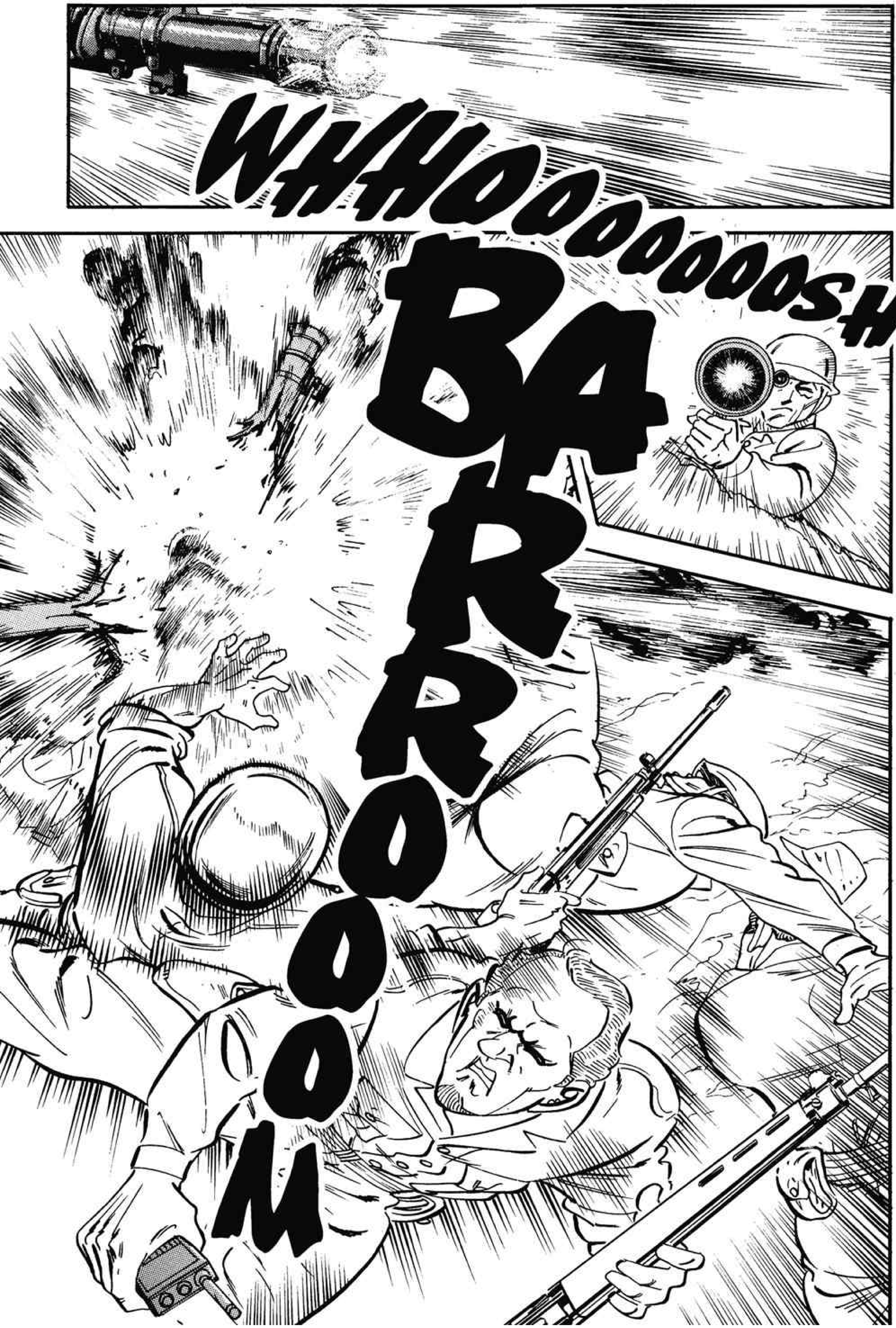

BBBRRRRRRRMMMMMMMMM
LISTEN UP! WE WOULDN'T NEED YOU ALL IF WE JUST HAD TO KILL HIM! HE'S A HIGH-VALUE PRISONER, AND THE COLONEL EXPECTS HIM *ALIVE!*
AND I EXPECT ALL *YOU* MEN TO STAY ALIVE AS WELL!
THIS MAN'S DEADLY AT CLOSE QUARTERS! DON'T COME ANYWHERE NEAR HIM!
GO FOR A DISABLING SHOT AT RANGE!

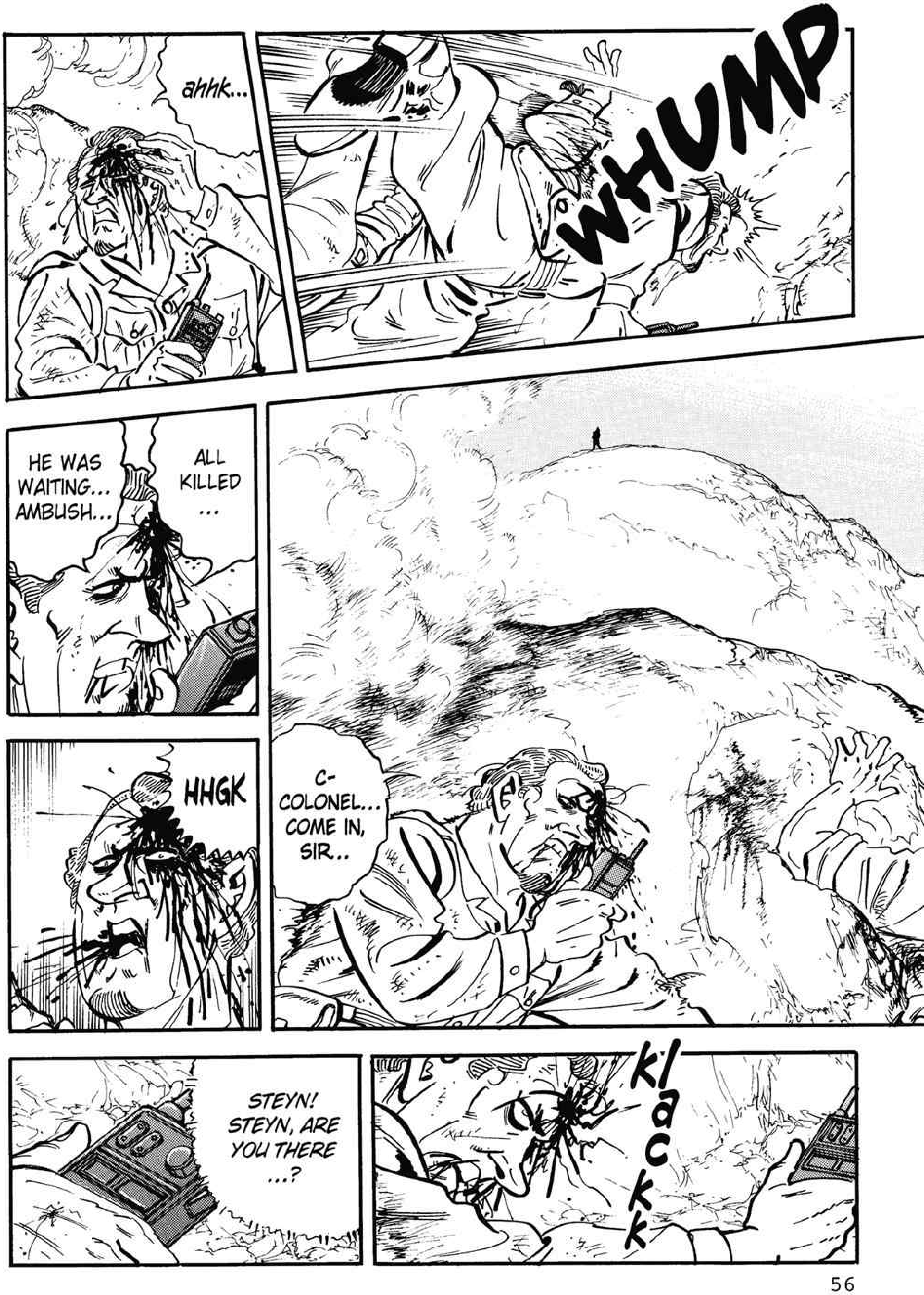
Chak
BLAMMMMM

SKASHH
SHKKREEEEEEEEE
RRRMMMMWWMP

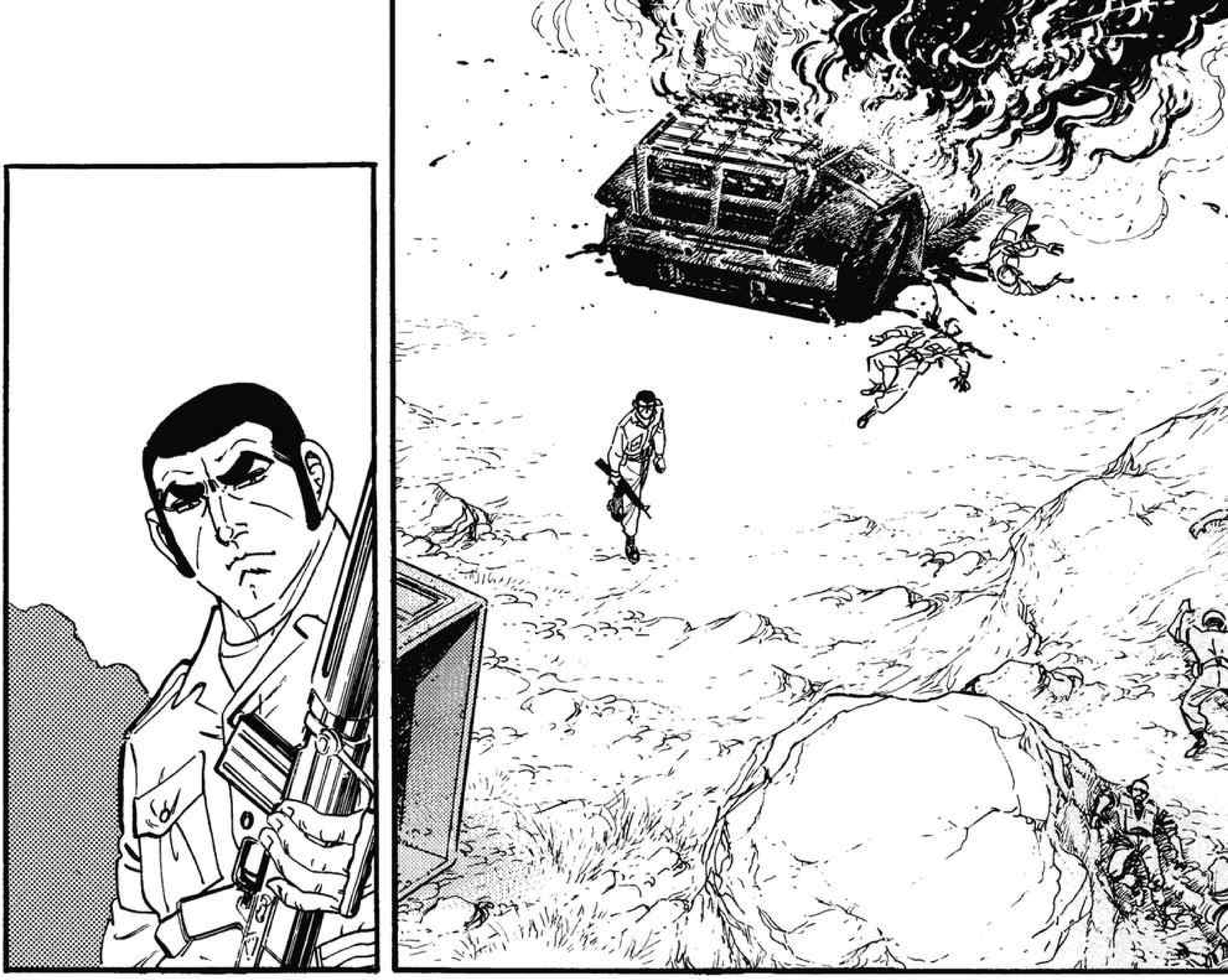
BLAMMMMMMMM
BLAMMMMMMMMM
!!
WHAT ...
...WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED ...?
BLAM MMMMMM

IS THAT... *TOGO?!*
GODDAMNIT, THEY SAID HE WAS *UNARMED!*
ON THE RIDGE!
BLAMMMMMMMM
!!
CAN'T EVEN SEE CLEAR IN THIS HAZE ...
SHIT ...
THE MOMENT HE POPS UP AGAIN, I'LL--
SIR! HE DUCKED DOWN!
STAY BEHIND COVER, HE'LL JUST PICK YOU OFF--***WIELAND!*** DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

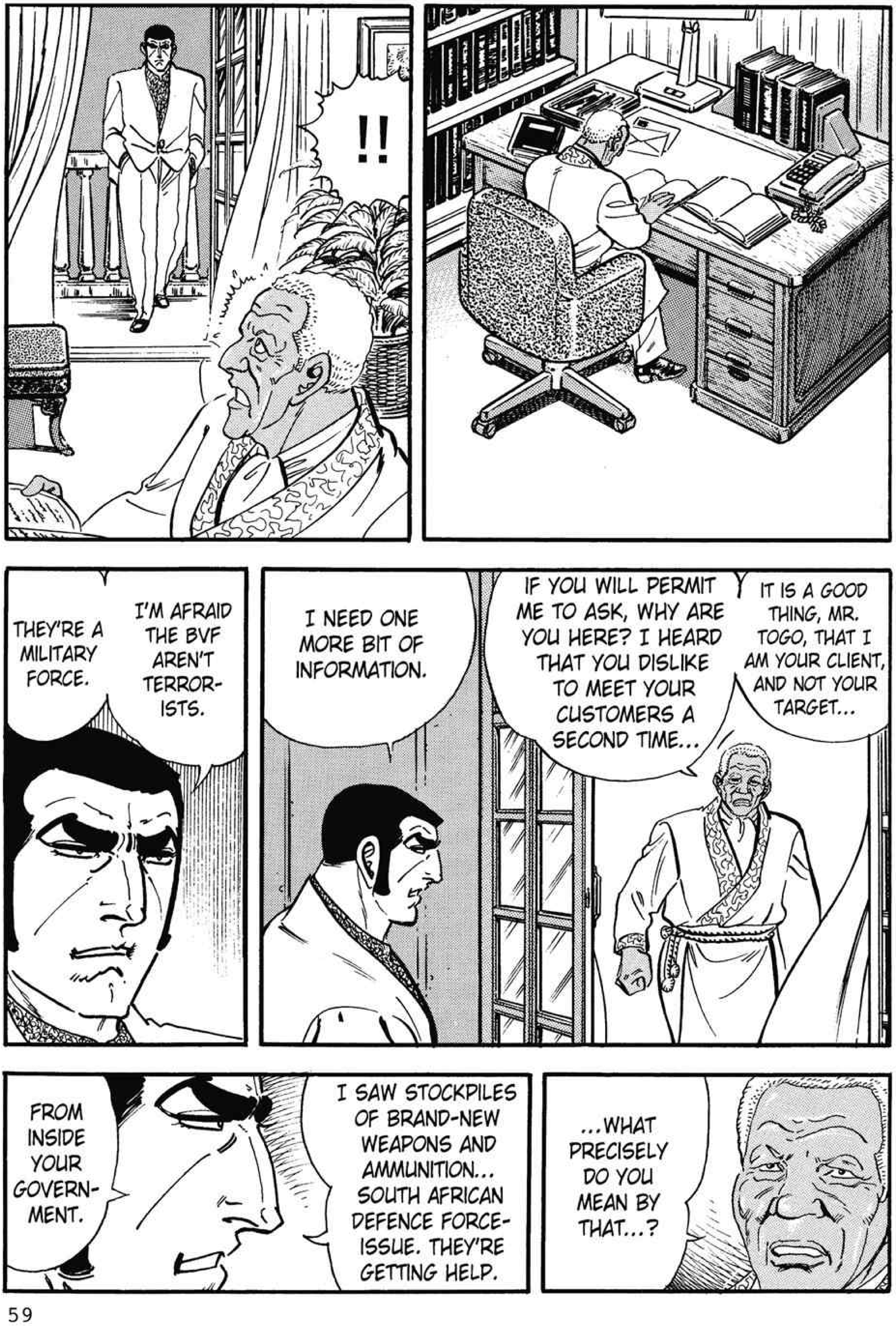

WHHOOOOOOOSH
BARROOOM


ahhk...
WHUMP
HE WAS WAITING... AMBUSH...
ALL KILLED ...
HHGK
C-COLONEL... COME IN, SIR..
STEYN! STEYN, ARE YOU THERE ...?
klackk

SIR... TOGO, HE...
LET ME GUESS, MAJOR...
YOU FOUND WEAPONS MISSING FROM THE ARMORY...?
YES, I *DID*, SIR!
YOU CLEARED HIM, KRIGE!
HE SET THIS UP!
HIS POLICE FILE WAS COMPLETE... NO POLITICAL OR SUBVERSIVE--
BULLSHIT! HE WALKED IN HERE WITHOUT A KNIFE OR A GUN, AND WALKED OUT WITH FORTY MEN DEAD!
HE EITHER KNOWS WHO HE IS...OR HE *NEEDS* TO KNOW.
SIR...I'LL CONTACT HIM AT ONCE.



PART 9 PEREGRINE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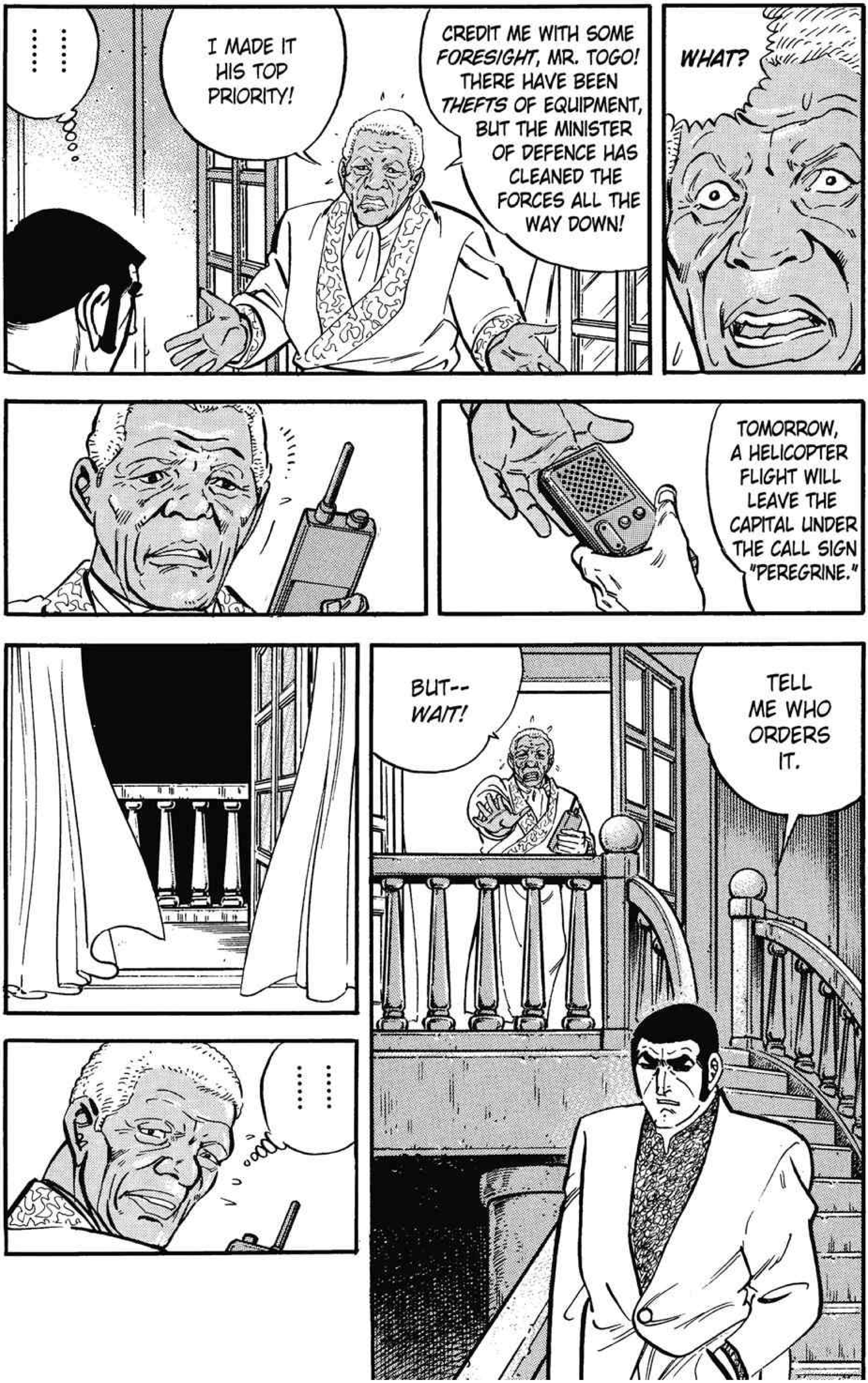
IT IS A GOOD THING, MR. TOGO, THAT I AM YOUR CLIENT, AND NOT YOUR TARGET...
IF YOU WILL PERMIT ME TO ASK, WHY ARE YOU HERE? I HEARD THAT YOU DISLIKE TO MEET YOUR CUSTOMERS A SECOND TIME...
I NEED ONE MORE BIT OF INFORMATION.
I'M AFRAID THE BVF AREN'T TERRORISTS.
THEY'RE A MILITARY FORCE.
...WHAT PRECISELY DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
I SAW STOCKPILES OF BRAND-NEW WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION... SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE-ISSUE. THEY'RE GETTING HELP.
FROM INSIDE YOUR GOVERNMENT.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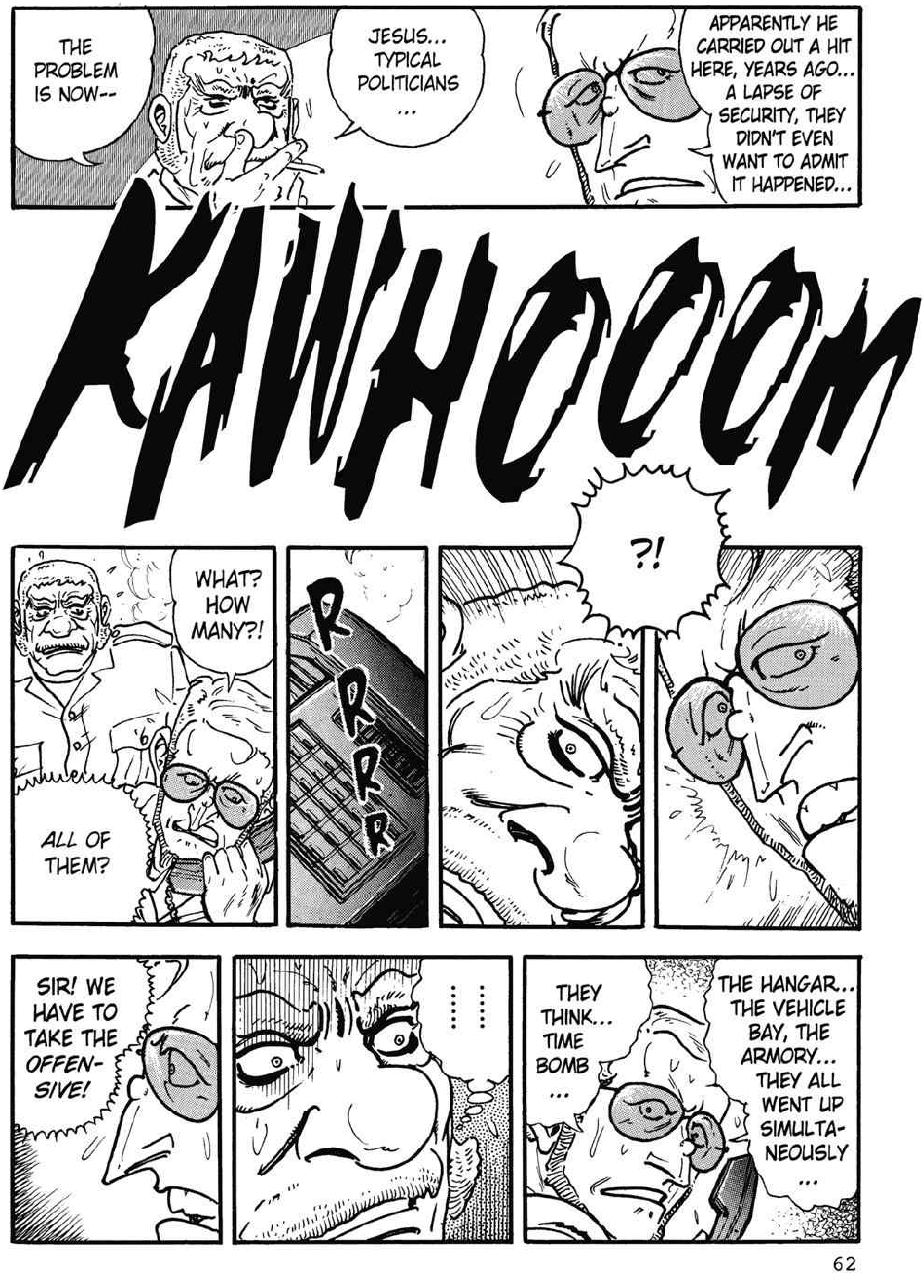
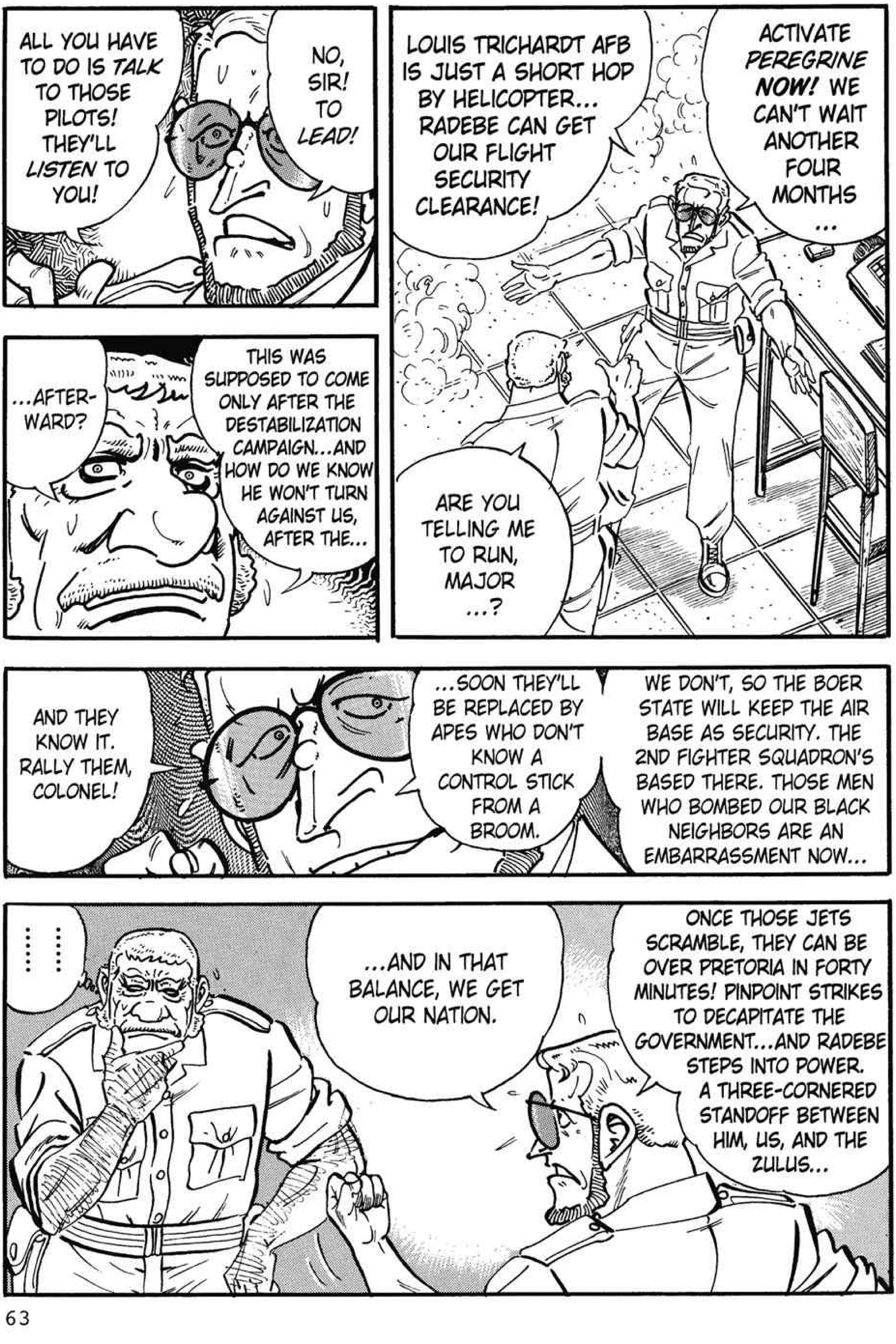
I MADE IT HIS TOP PRIORITY!
CREDIT ME WITH SOME *FORESIGHT*, MR. TOGO! THERE HAVE BEEN *THEFTS* OF EQUIPMENT, BUT THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE HAS CLEANED THE FORCES ALL THE WAY DOWN!
WHAT?
TOMORROW, A HELICOPTER FLIGHT WILL LEAVE THE CAPITAL UNDER THE CALL SIGN "PEREGRINE."
BUT-- *WAIT!*
TELL ME WHO ORDERS IT.
......

THNK
KTHNK
TNK
TNK
TNK
ARMOR PLATE ...
AN ASSASSIN... HOW THE HELL DID YOU MISS *THAT* IN YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK, KRIGE?
THE REPORT HAD BEEN BURIED...


APPARENTLY HE CARRIED OUT A HIT HERE, YEARS AGO... A LAPSE OF SECURITY, THEY DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO ADMIT IT HAPPENED...
JESUS... TYPICAL POLITICIANS ...
THE PROBLEM IS NOW--
KAWHOOOM
?!
RRRR
WHAT? HOW MANY?!
ALL OF THEM?
THE HANGAR... THE VEHICLE BAY, THE ARMORY... THEY ALL WENT UP SIMULTANEOUSLY ...
THEY THINK... TIME BOMB ...
....
SIR! WE HAVE TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE!


ACTIVATE *PEREGRINE* **NOW!** WE CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER FOUR MONTHS...
LOUIS TRICHARDT AFB IS JUST A SHORT HOP BY HELICOPTER... RADEBE CAN GET OUR FLIGHT SECURITY CLEARANCE!
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO RUN, MAJOR...?
NO, SIR! TO *LEAD!*
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS *TALK* TO THOSE PILOTS! THEY'LL *LISTEN* TO YOU!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO COME ONLY AFTER THE DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN...AND HOW DO WE KNOW HE WON'T TURN AGAINST US, AFTER THE...
...AFTERWARD?
WE DON'T, SO THE BOER STATE WILL KEEP THE AIR BASE AS SECURITY. THE 2ND FIGHTER SQUADRON'S BASED THERE. THOSE MEN WHO BOMBED OUR BLACK NEIGHBORS ARE AN EMBARRASSMENT NOW...
...SOON THEY'LL BE REPLACED BY APES WHO DON'T KNOW A CONTROL STICK FROM A BROOM.
AND THEY KNOW IT. RALLY THEM, COLONEL!
ONCE THOSE JETS SCRAMBLE, THEY CAN BE OVER PRETORIA IN FORTY MINUTES! PINPOINT STRIKES TO DECAPITATE THE GOVERNMENT...AND RADEBE STEPS INTO POWER. A THREE-CORNERED STANDOFF BETWEEN HIM, US, AND THE ZULUS...
...AND IN THAT BALANCE, WE GET OUR NATION.
......

Pretoria
--do you have that latest intercept from Intelligence on the BVF?
YES, MINISTER. WE DECODED A SHORT BROADCAST. IT'S BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS ONE OF THEIR LOCAL CELLS.
HM?
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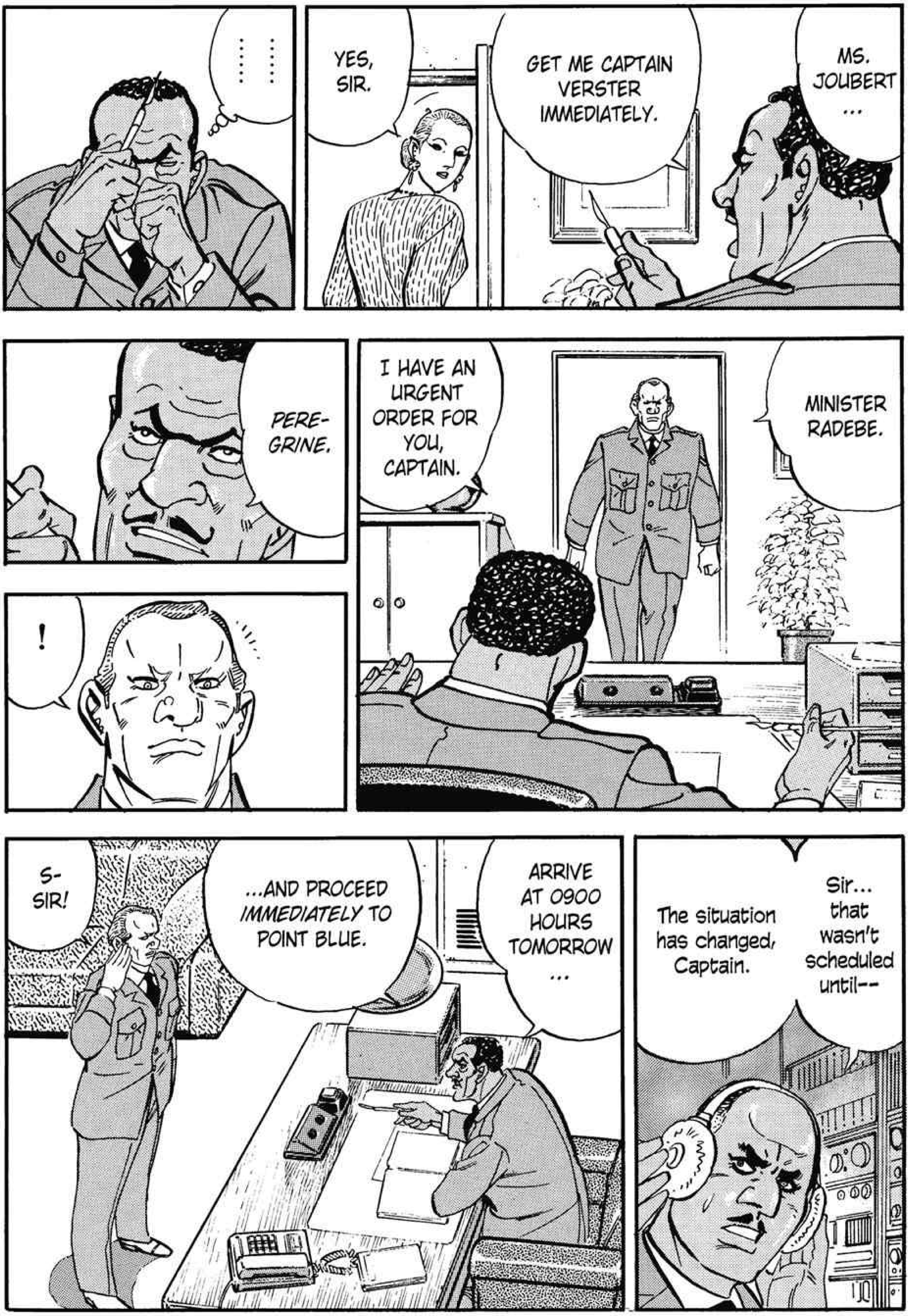
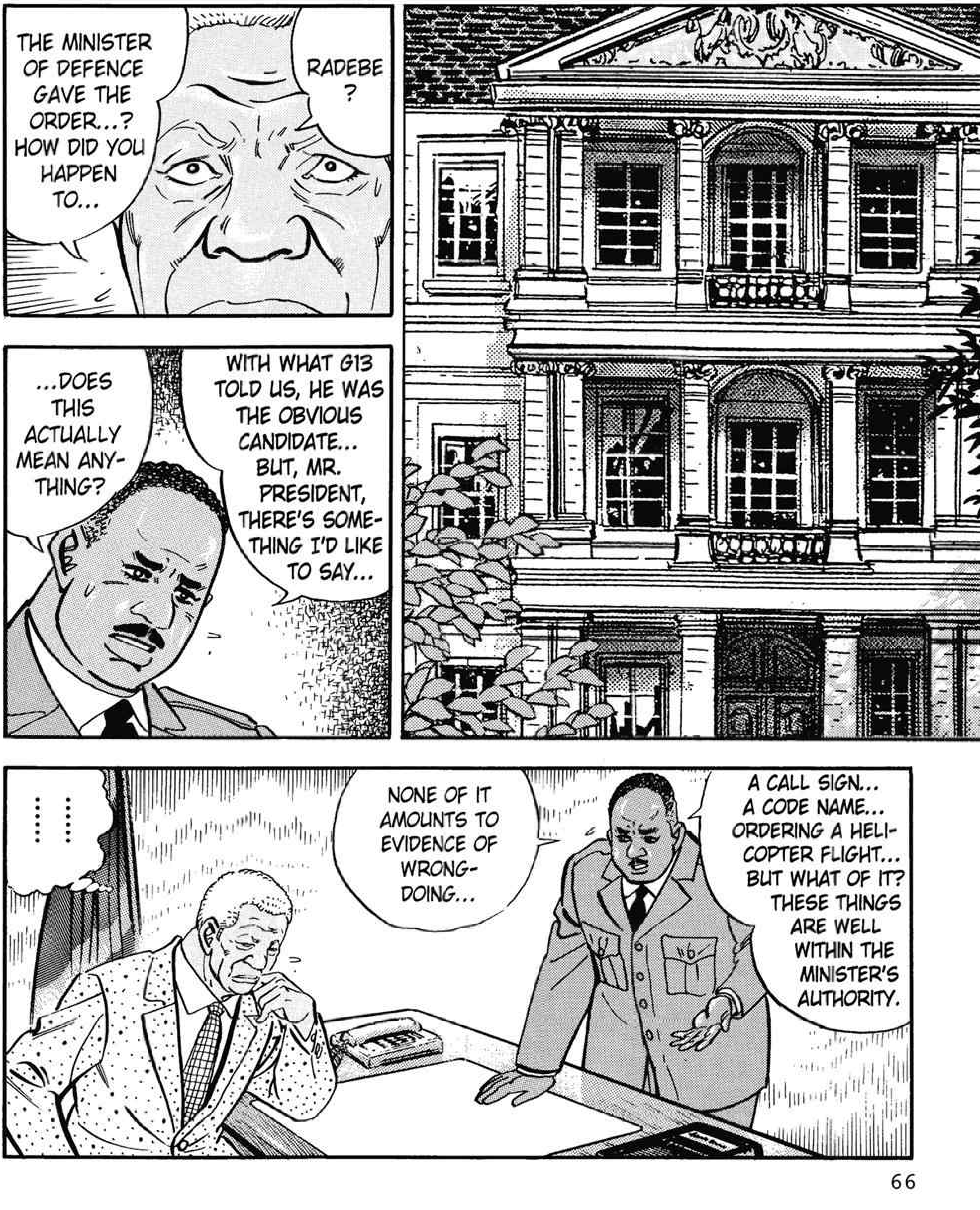
THIS CAN'T BE...
MS. JOUBERT... FORGET YOU SAW THIS.
YES, MINISTER.


MS. JOUBERT ...
GET ME CAPTAIN VERSTER IMMEDIATELY.
YES, SIR.
......
MINISTER RADEBE.
I HAVE AN URGENT ORDER FOR YOU, CAPTAIN.
PEREGRINE.
!
Sir... that wasn't scheduled until--
The situation has changed, Captain.
ARRIVE AT 0900 HOURS TOMORROW ...
...AND PROCEED *IMMEDIATELY* TO POINT BLUE.
S-SIR!

PART 10 THE LONG TAIL


RADEBE ?
THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE GAVE THE ORDER...? HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO...
WITH WHAT G13 TOLD US, HE WAS THE OBVIOUS CANDIDATE... BUT, MR. PRESIDENT, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SAY...
...DOES THIS ACTUALLY MEAN ANYTHING?
A CALL SIGN... A CODE NAME... ORDERING A HELICOPTER FLIGHT... BUT WHAT OF IT? THESE THINGS ARE WELL WITHIN THE MINISTER'S AUTHORITY.
NONE OF IT AMOUNTS TO EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING...
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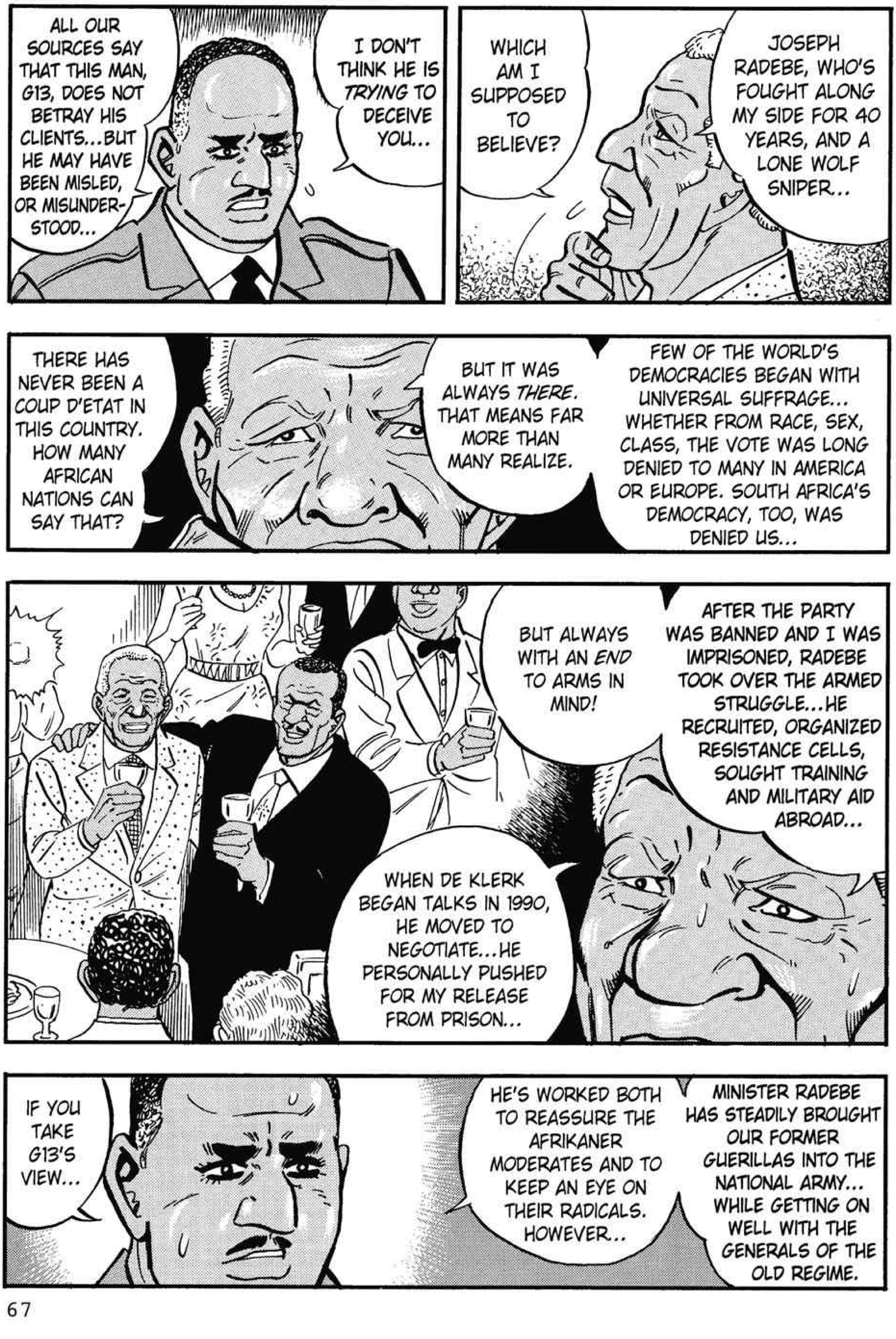
JOSEPH RADEBE, WHO'S FOUGHT ALONG MY SIDE FOR 40 YEARS, AND A LONE WOLF SNIPER...
WHICH AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE?
I DON'T THINK HE IS *TRYING* TO DECEIVE YOU...
ALL OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THIS MAN, G13, DOES NOT BETRAY HIS CLIENTS...BUT HE MAY HAVE BEEN MISLED, OR MISUNDERSTOOD...
FEW OF THE WORLD'S DEMOCRACIES BEGAN WITH UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE... WHETHER FROM RACE, SEX, CLASS, THE VOTE WAS LONG DENIED TO MANY IN AMERICA OR EUROPE. SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMOCRACY, TOO, WAS DENIED US...
BUT IT WAS ALWAYS *THERE*. THAT MEANS FAR MORE THAN MANY REALIZE.
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A COUP D'ETAT IN THIS COUNTRY. HOW MANY AFRICAN NATIONS CAN SAY THAT?
AFTER THE PARTY WAS BANNED AND I WAS IMPRISONED, RADEBE TOOK OVER THE ARMED STRUGGLE...HE RECRUITED, ORGANIZED RESISTANCE CELLS, SOUGHT TRAINING AND MILITARY AID ABROAD...
BUT ALWAYS WITH AN *END* TO ARMS IN MIND!
WHEN DE KLERK BEGAN TALKS IN 1990, HE MOVED TO NEGOTIATE...HE PERSONALLY PUSHED FOR MY RELEASE FROM PRISON...
MINISTER RADEBE HAS STEADILY BROUGHT OUR FORMER GUERILLAS INTO THE NATIONAL ARMY... WHILE GETTING ON WELL WITH THE GENERALS OF THE OLD REGIME.
HE'S WORKED BOTH TO REASSURE THE AFRIKANER MODERATES AND TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR RADICALS. HOWEVER...
IF YOU TAKE G13'S VIEW...

NO, I'M NOT SAYING I ACCEPT IT.
BUT IF HE...
HE'S WRONG.
EVERY-THING DEPENDS ON YOUR TRUST.
HE'S THE KEY MAN EITHER TO MAKE THIS WHOLE THING WORK...OR TO BRING IT CRASHING DOWN.
...I HAVE TO TELL HIM.
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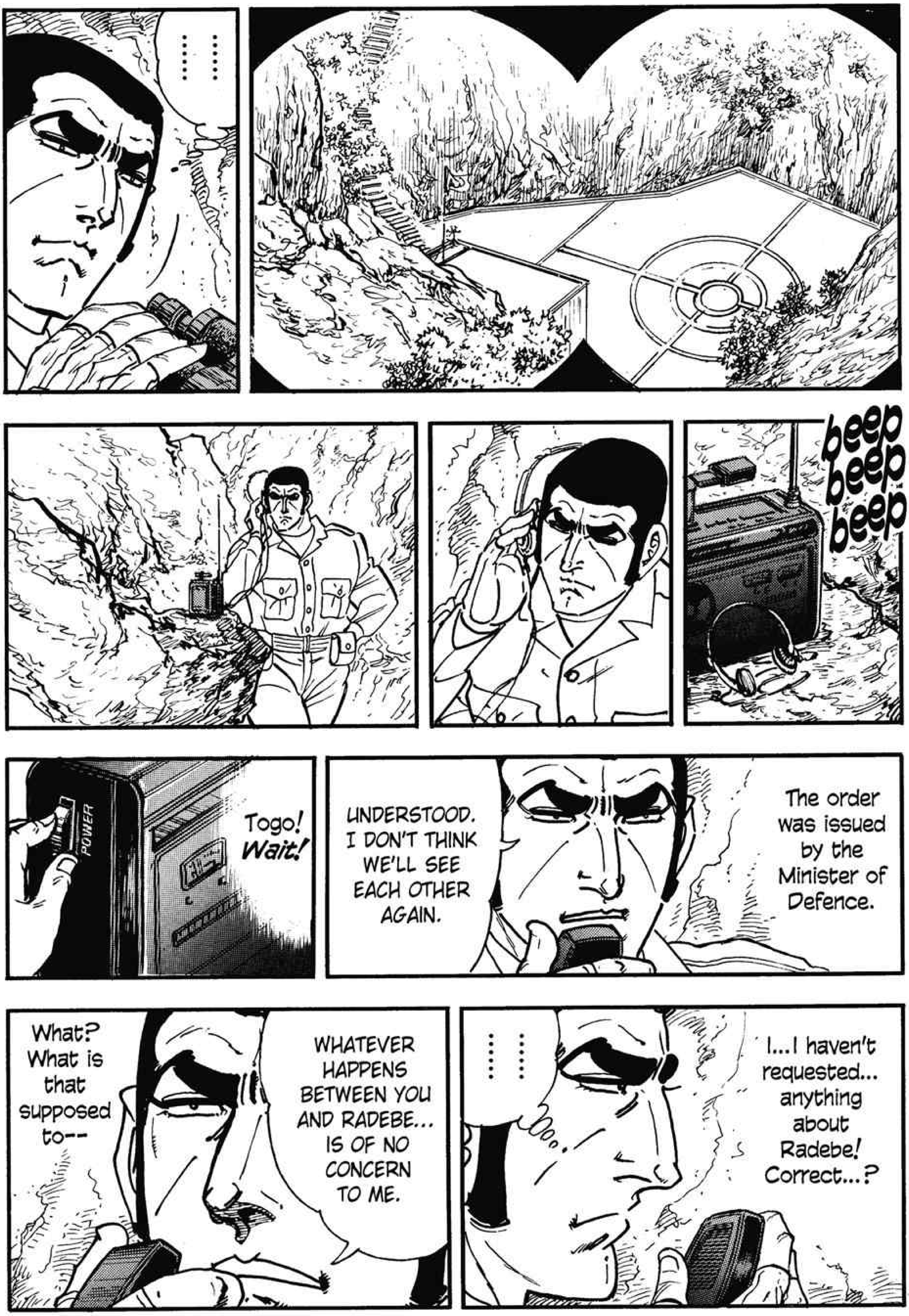
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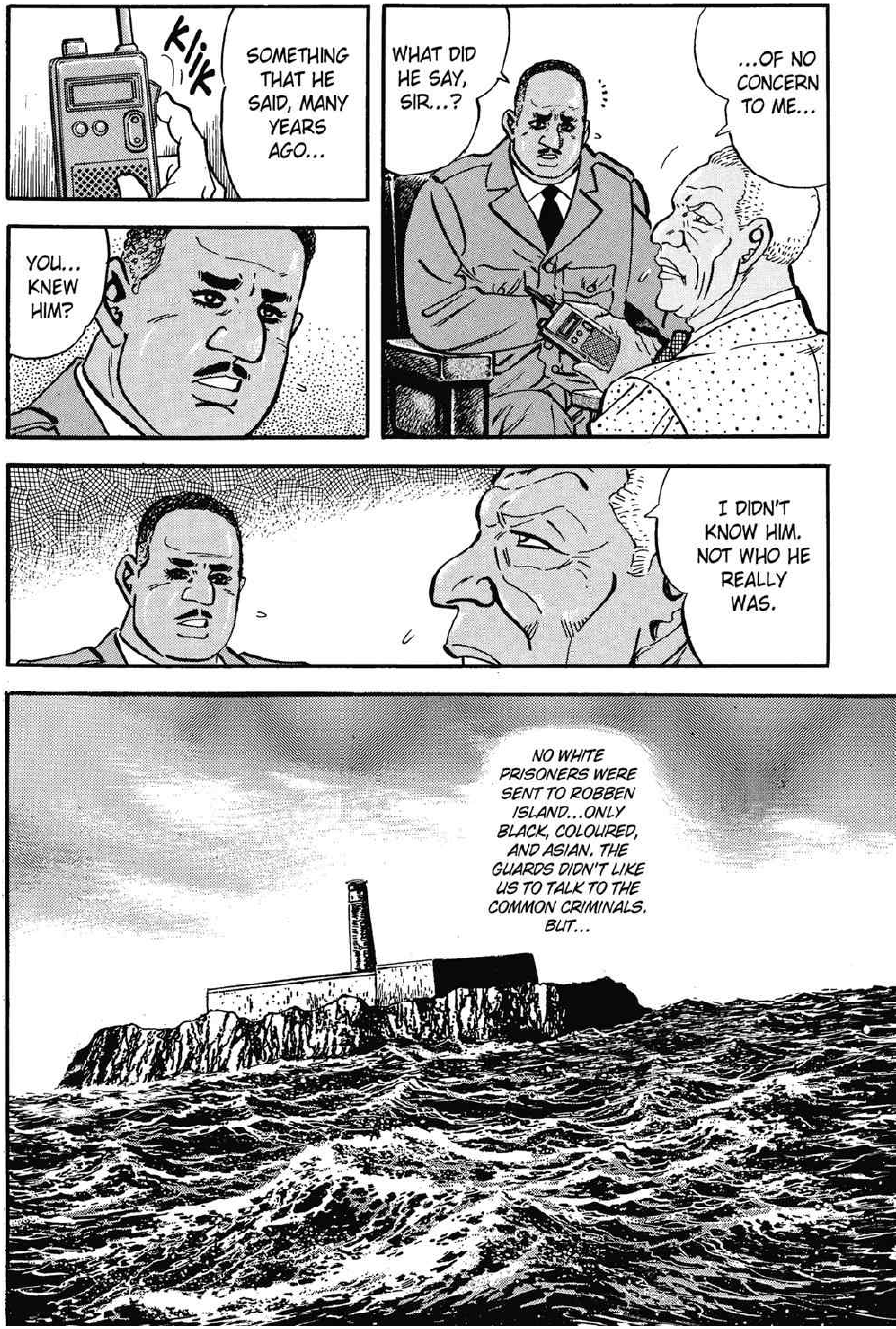
beep beep beep
The order was issued by the Minister of Defence.
UNDERSTOOD. I DON'T THINK WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
Togo! Wait!
POWER
I...I haven't requested... anything about Radebe! Correct...?
......
WHATEVER HAPPENS BETWEEN YOU AND RADEBE... IS OF NO CONCERN TO ME.
What? What is that supposed to--


KLIK
SOMETHING THAT HE SAID, MANY YEARS AGO...
WHAT DID HE SAY, SIR...?
...OF NO CONCERN TO ME...
YOU... KNEW HIM?
I DIDN'T KNOW HIM. NOT WHO HE REALLY WAS.
NO WHITE PRISONERS WERE SENT TO ROBBEN ISLAND...ONLY BLACK, COLOURED, AND ASIAN. THE GUARDS DIDN'T LIKE US TO TALK TO THE COMMON CRIMINALS. BUT...

SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN QUITE A HARD TIME THESE PAST FEW DAYS...?
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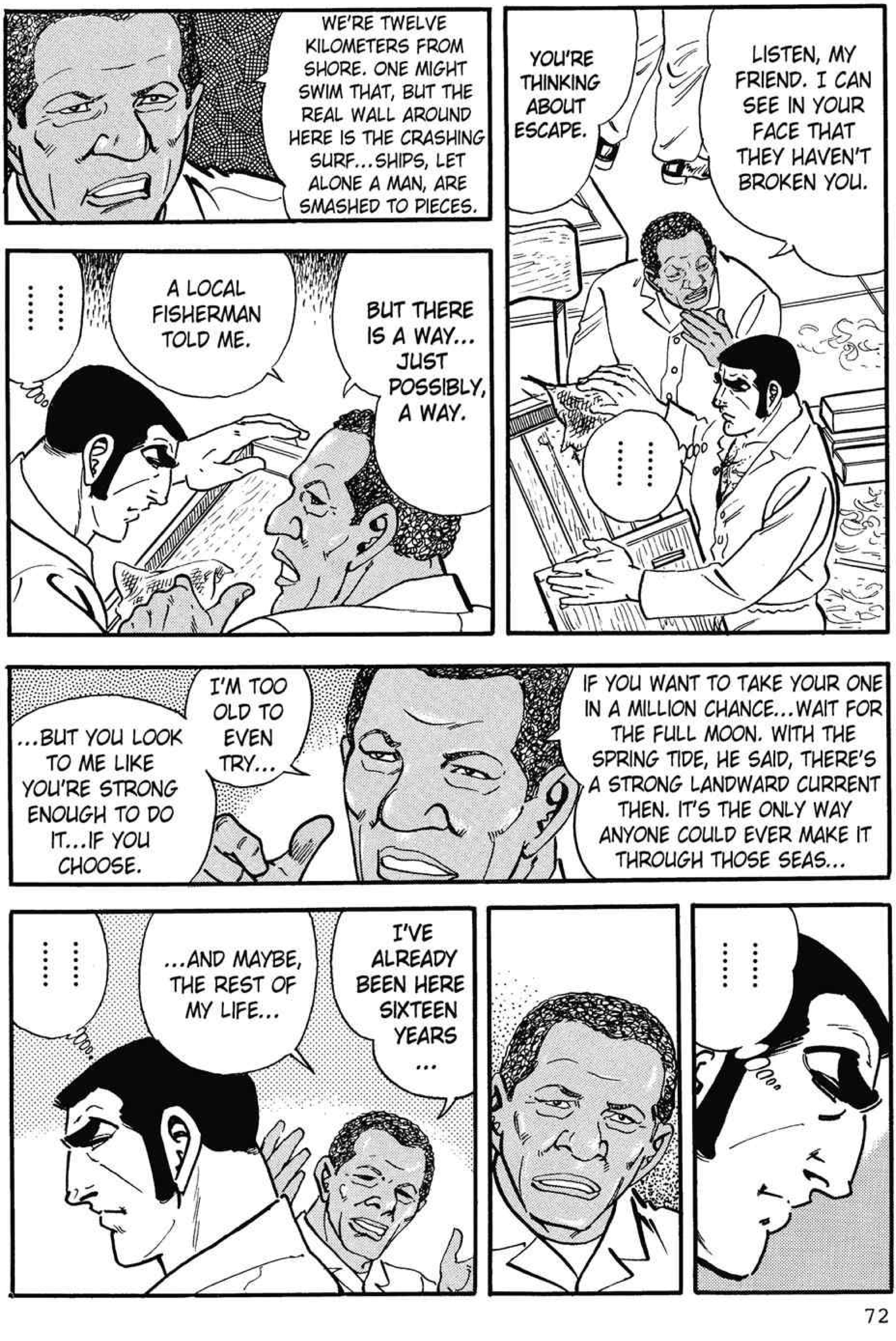
LISTEN, MY FRIEND. I CAN SEE IN YOUR FACE THAT THEY HAVEN'T BROKEN YOU.
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT ESCAPE.
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WE'RE TWELVE KILOMETERS FROM SHORE. ONE MIGHT SWIM THAT, BUT THE REAL WALL AROUND HERE IS THE CRASHING SURF...SHIPS, LET ALONE A MAN, ARE SMASHED TO PIECES.
BUT THERE IS A WAY... JUST POSSIBLY, A WAY.
A LOCAL FISHERMAN TOLD ME.
......
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE YOUR ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE...WAIT FOR THE FULL MOON. WITH THE SPRING TIDE, HE SAID, THERE'S A STRONG LANDWARD CURRENT THEN. IT'S THE ONLY WAY ANYONE COULD EVER MAKE IT THROUGH THOSE SEAS...
I'M TOO OLD TO EVEN TRY...
...BUT YOU LOOK TO ME LIKE YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO DO IT...IF YOU CHOOSE.
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I'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE SIXTEEN YEARS ...
...AND MAYBE, THE REST OF MY LIFE...
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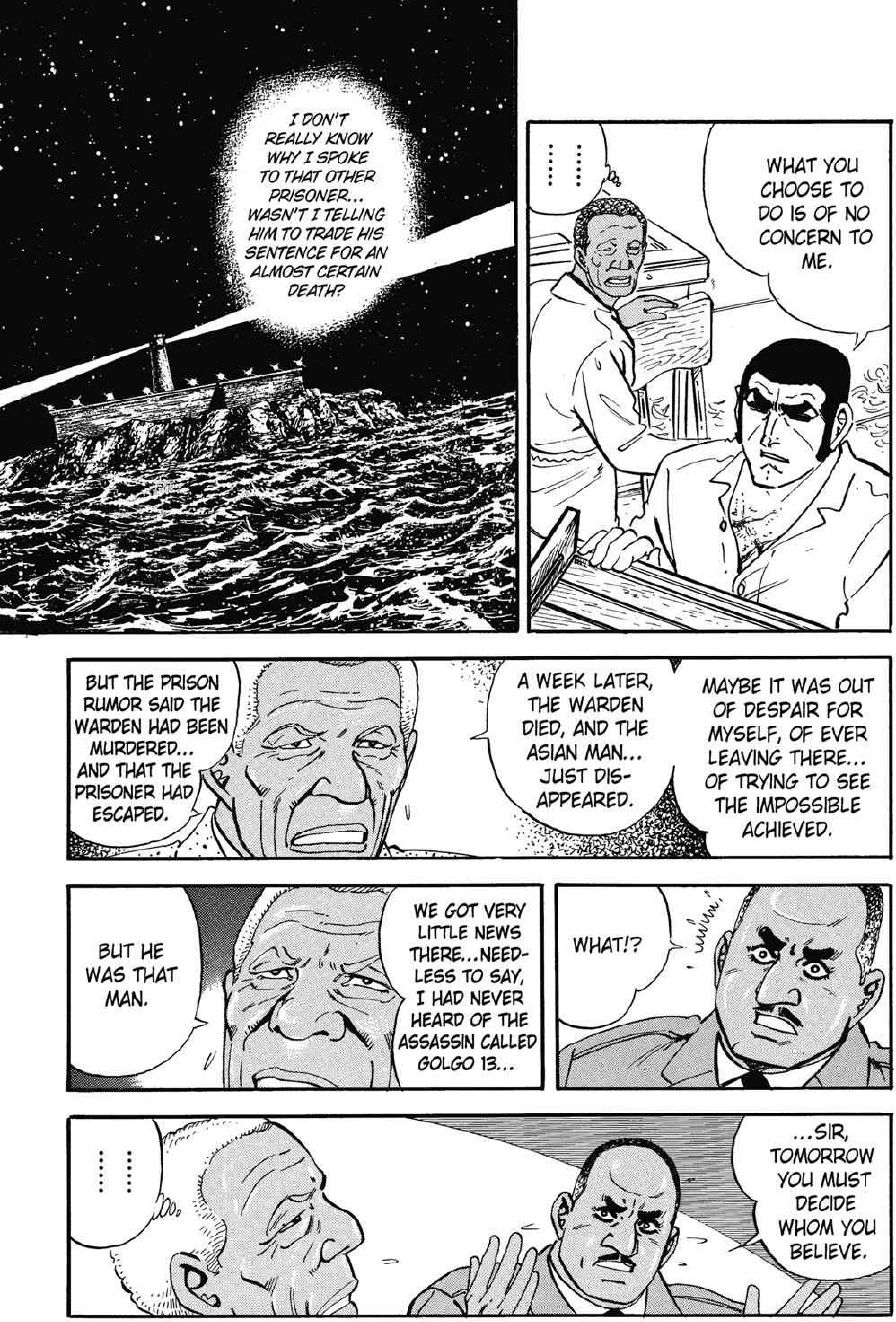
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WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO DO IS OF NO CONCERN TO ME.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY I SPOKE TO THAT OTHER PRISONER… WASN'T I TELLING HIM TO TRADE HIS SENTENCE FOR AN ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH?
MAYBE IT WAS OUT OF DESPAIR FOR MYSELF, OF EVER LEAVING THERE… OF TRYING TO SEE THE IMPOSSIBLE ACHIEVED.
A WEEK LATER, THE WARDEN DIED, AND THE ASIAN MAN… JUST DISAPPEARED.
BUT THE PRISON RUMOR SAID THE WARDEN HAD BEEN MURDERED… AND THAT THE PRISONER HAD ESCAPED.
WHAT!?
WE GOT VERY LITTLE NEWS THERE…NEEDLESS TO SAY, I HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE ASSASSIN CALLED GOLGO 13…
BUT HE WAS THAT MAN.
…SIR, TOMORROW YOU MUST DECIDE WHOM YOU BELIEVE.
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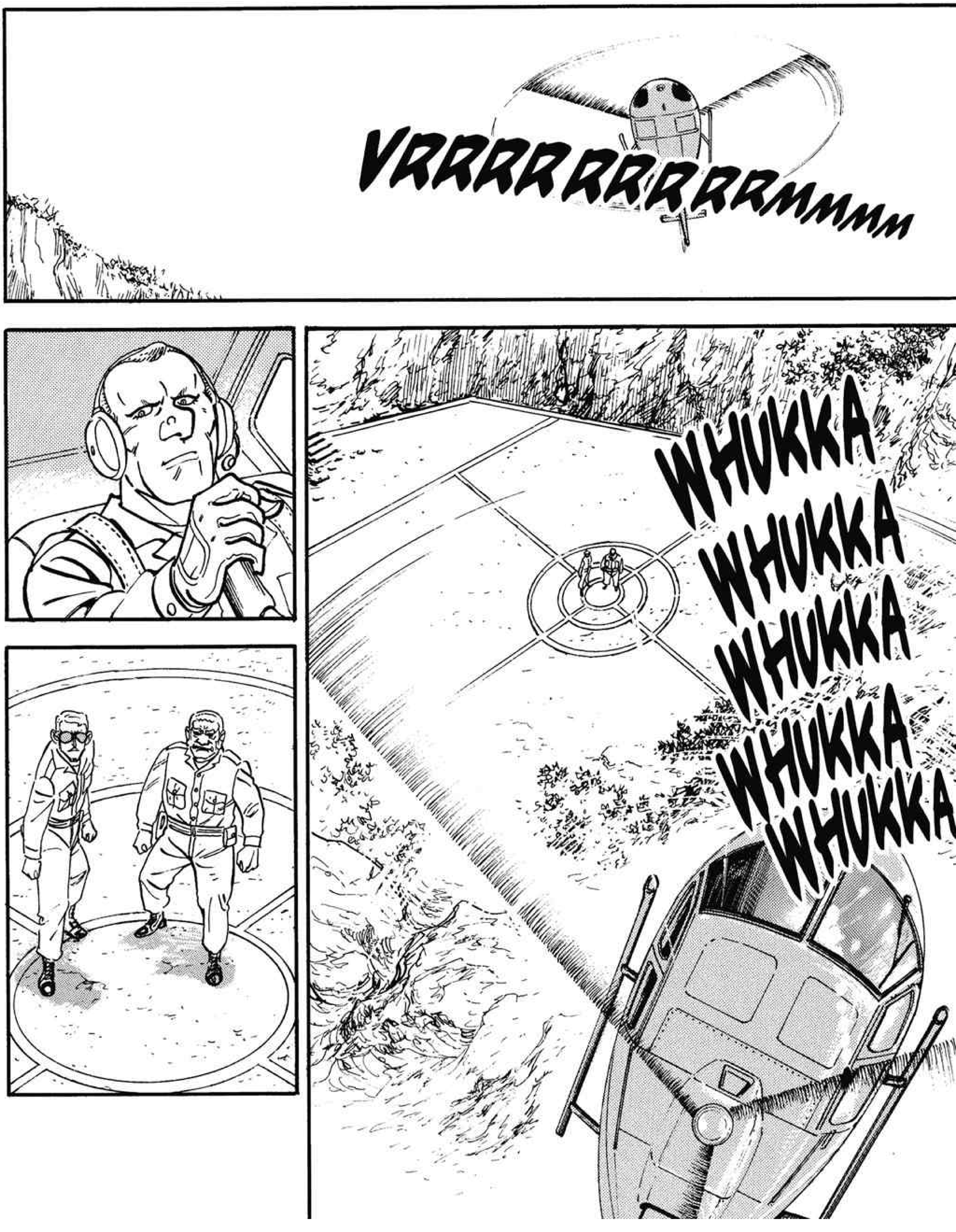
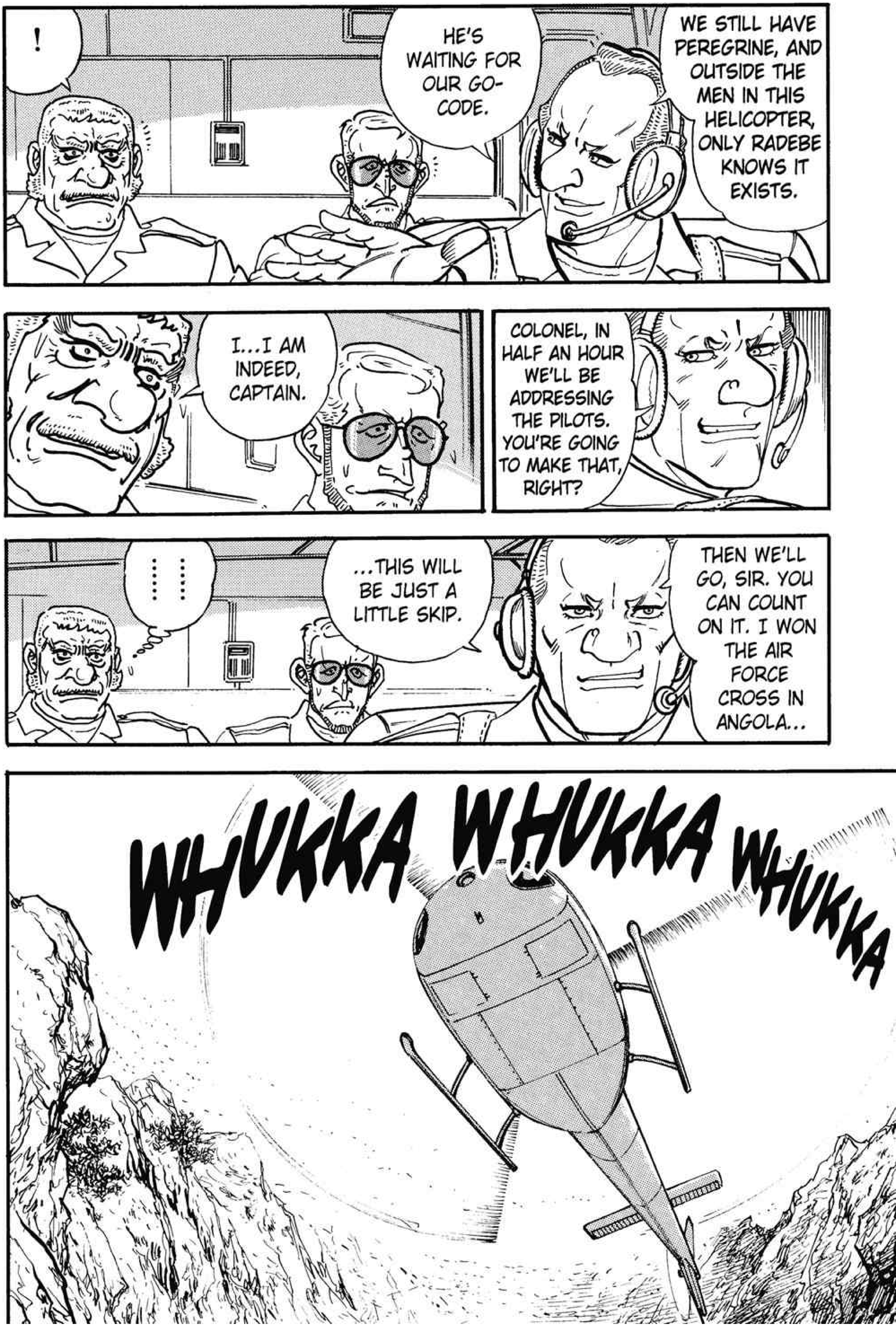
PART 11 BIRD OF PREY


VRRRRRRRRRRMMMMM
WHUKKA WHUKKA WHUKKA WHUKKA WHUKKA

WHUKKA
WHUKKA
WHUKKA
VRRRRN
VRRRRN
VRRRRN
VERSTER!
WHAT DID RADEBE TELL YOU? WHAT'S THE SITUATION!?
COLONEL, EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL.
UNDER CONTROL? WE'VE LOST EVERYTHING HERE! OUR MEN, OUR EQUIPMENT… THE ZULUS HAVE PULLED OUT OF THE OPERATION…
WE'RE HANGING ON BY A THREAD!
ALL IT TAKES TO UNRAVEL, SIR.


WE STILL HAVE PEREGRINE, AND OUTSIDE THE MEN IN THIS HELICOPTER, ONLY RADEBE KNOWS IT EXISTS.
HE'S WAITING FOR OUR GO-CODE.
!
COLONEL, IN HALF AN HOUR WE'LL BE ADDRESSING THE PILOTS. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT, RIGHT?
I...I AM INDEED, CAPTAIN.
THEN WE'LL GO, SIR. YOU CAN COUNT ON IT. I WON THE AIR FORCE CROSS IN ANGOLA...
...THIS WILL BE JUST A LITTLE SKIP.
......
WHUKKA WHUKKA WHUKKA

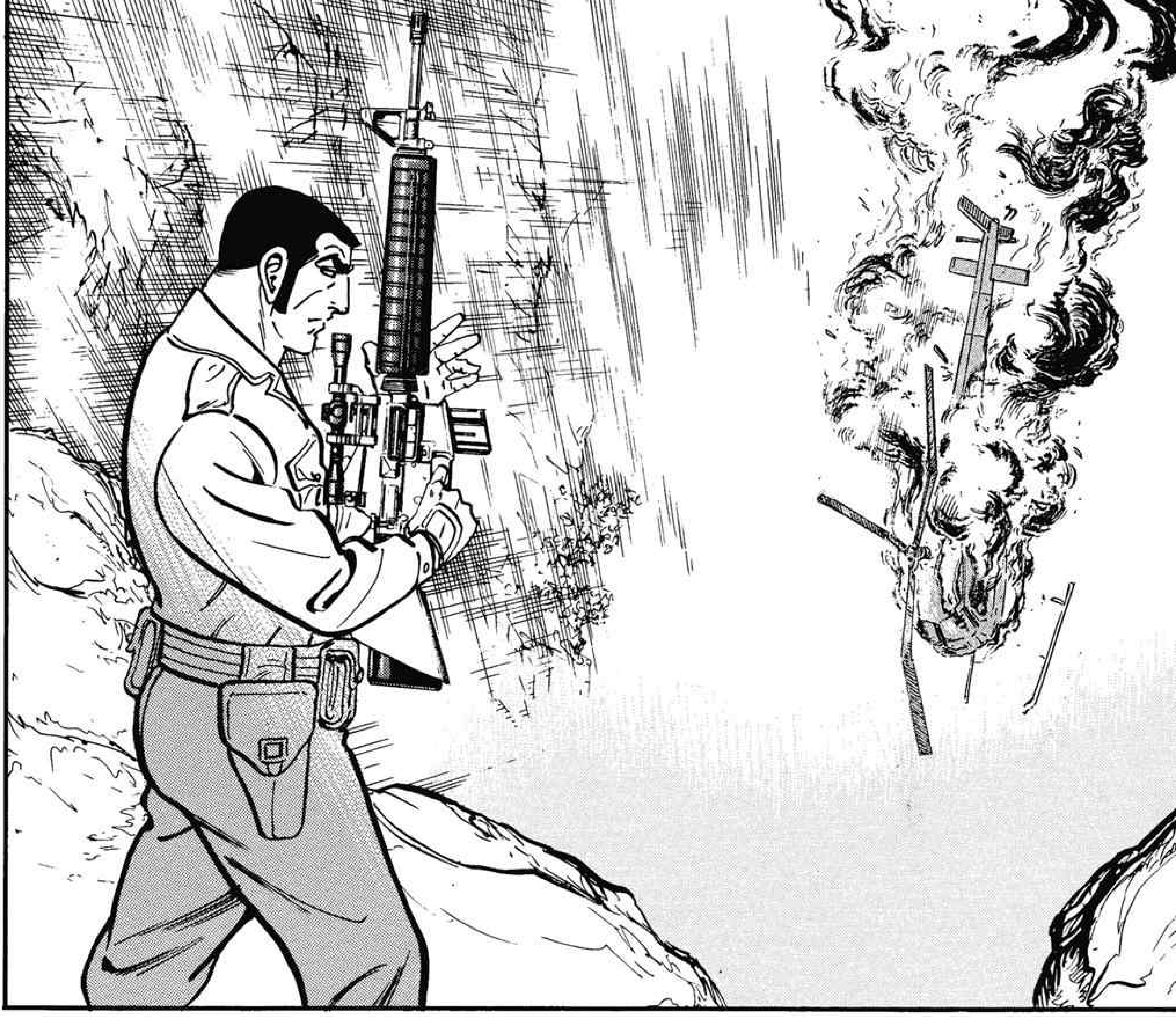
......
...ONCE I GET ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN, THERE MAY BE SOME BRIEF IN-FLIGHT TURBULENCE... SO FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS, GENTLEMEN.
WHHRRRRNNNN
......

WHHHRRRRNN
!!
VRRRRRRRRRRRMM
CHAK

VRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRMMMM
BLAMMMMMMM
BLAMMMMMMM
WHRRNN
VVVRRRRRRMMMM
SPAK
SPAK

LOSING RPM...!
...!
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?!
VERSTER! WHAT'S--
COLONEL, WE'RE...
UP! PITCH *UP!*
WHRRRRRRRNNN

WHRRR
MET DIE STERWENSWOORD TE SKEI, VRYHEID--
BAROOOOOOOM



PART 12 IN SOUTH AFRICA OUR LAND

GOOD MORNING, SIR...
SIR?
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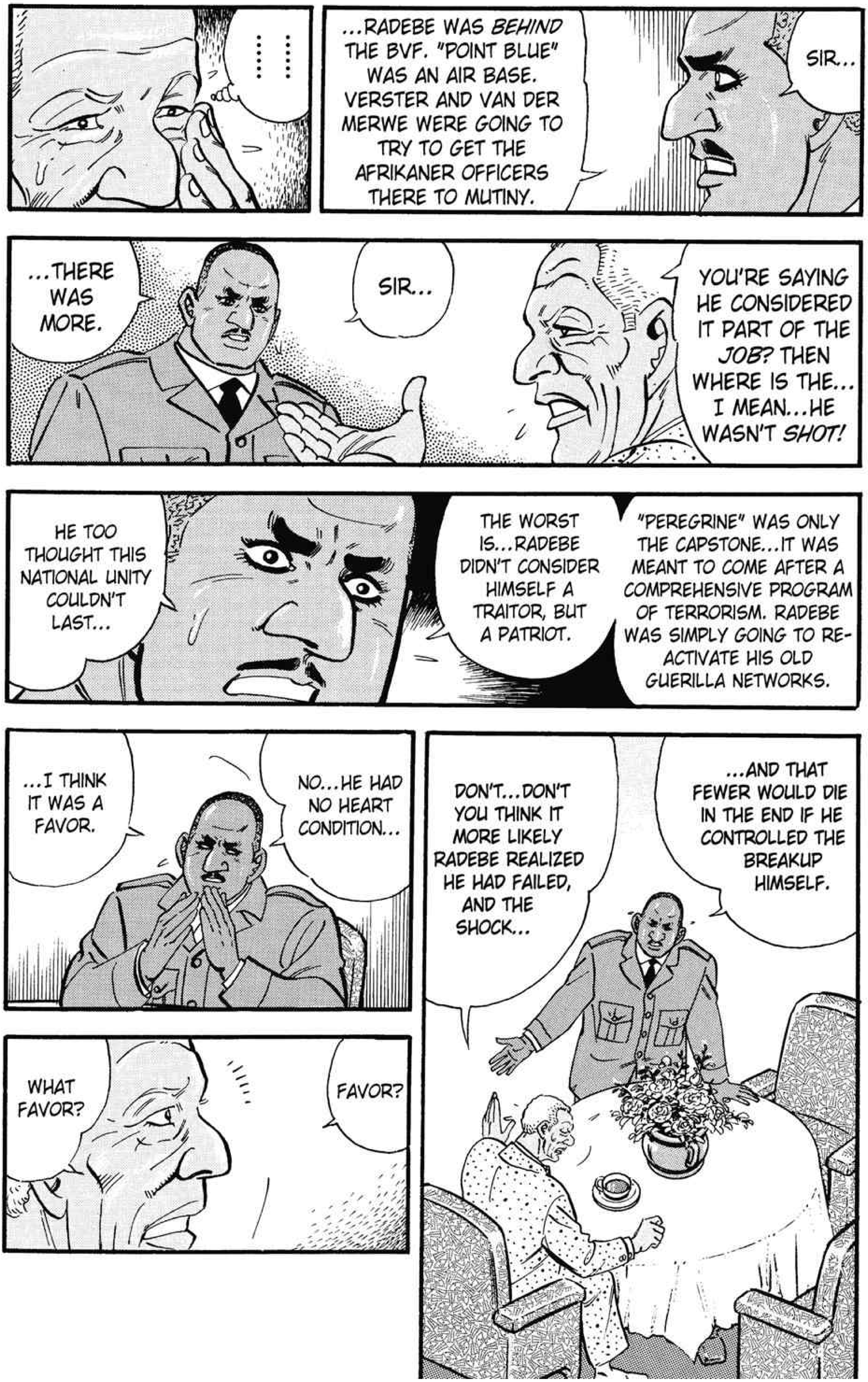
!!
SIR ...?
?

EEEYA!
THE MINISTER ...
SOME-ONE, PLEASE!

DEAD?
YES, SIR.
APPARENTLY A HEART ATTACK, BUT WE'RE WAITING FOR THE AUTOPSY ...
......
SIR...
I BROKE INTO HIS SAFE.
THERE WERE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INSIDE...
...THEY CONFIRMED TOGO'S SUSPICIONS.
......
DID HE...
NO!
I NEVER *ASKED HIM* TO KILL RADEBE! ONLY TO ELIMINATE THE BVF!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...RADEBE WAS *BEHIND* THE BVF. "POINT BLUE" WAS AN AIR BASE. VERSTER AND VAN DER MERWE WERE GOING TO TRY TO GET THE AFRIKANER OFFICERS THERE TO MUTINY.
SIR...
...THERE WAS MORE.
SIR...
YOU'RE SAYING HE CONSIDERED IT PART OF THE *JOB?* THEN WHERE IS THE... I MEAN...HE WASN'T *SHOT!*
HE TOO THOUGHT THIS NATIONAL UNITY COULDN'T LAST...
THE WORST IS...RADEBE DIDN'T CONSIDER HIMSELF A TRAITOR, BUT A PATRIOT.
"PEREGRINE" WAS ONLY THE CAPSTONE...IT WAS MEANT TO COME AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF TERRORISM. RADEBE WAS SIMPLY GOING TO REACTIVATE HIS OLD GUERILLA NETWORKS.
...I THINK IT WAS A FAVOR.
NO...HE HAD NO HEART CONDITION...
WHAT FAVOR?
FAVOR?
DON'T...DON'T YOU THINK IT MORE LIKELY RADEBE REALIZED HE HAD FAILED, AND THE SHOCK...
...AND THAT FEWER WOULD DIE IN THE END IF HE CONTROLLED THE BREAKUP HIMSELF.

FROM A MAN WHO ESCAPED...
...AFTER ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH...
...I KNEW *WHAT* HE WAS. A KILLER. AND I ASKED HIM TO KILL TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY.
AND NOW IT'S OVER.
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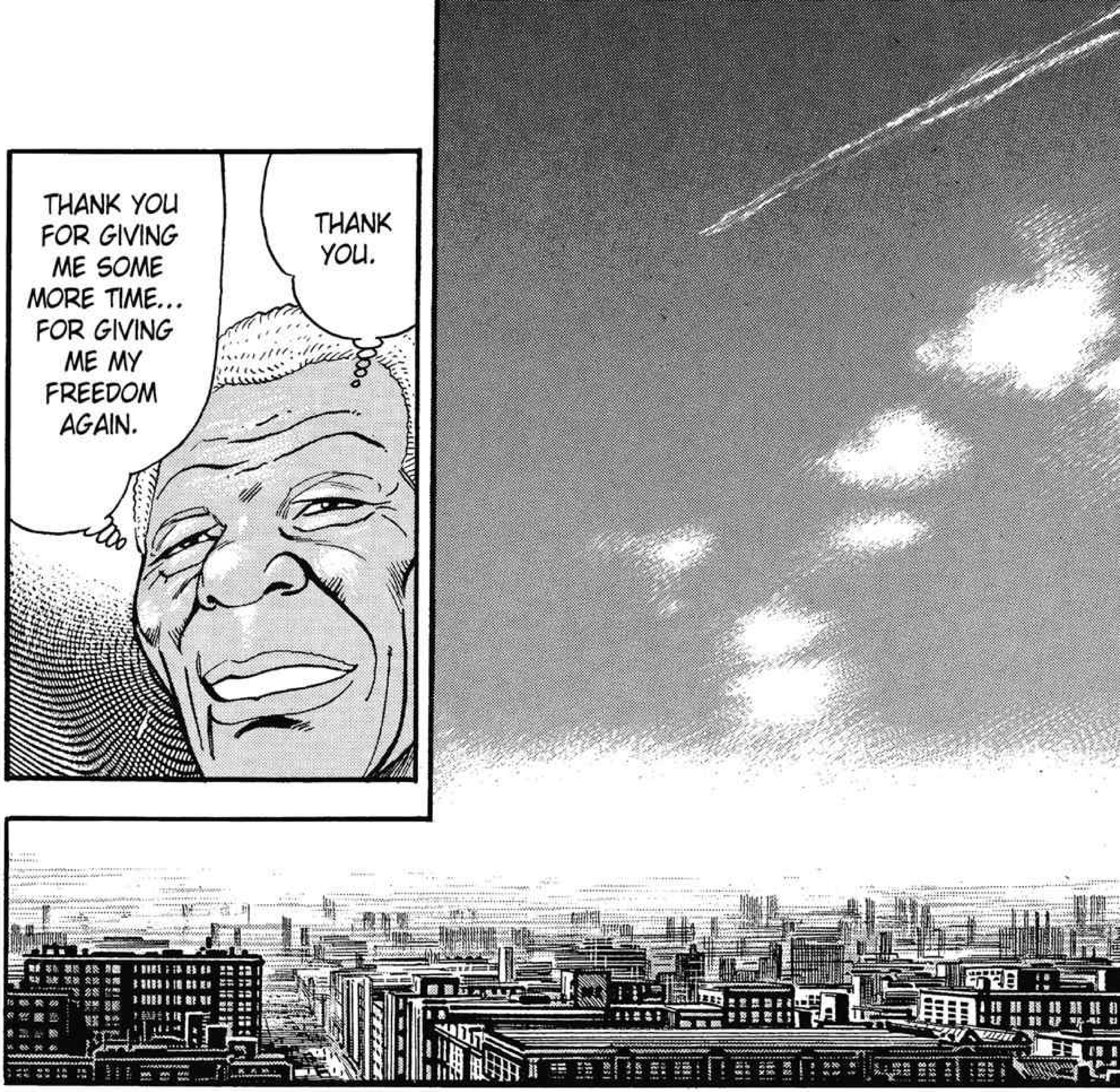
...TO SAVE ***YOUR*** COUNTRY?
IS IT, MR. PRESIDENT? IF HE KILLED RADEBE, WAS IT NOT RATHER TO LET YOU SAVE YOUR *IDEALS*...
NATIONS ARE IDEALS ...
...OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST BE TRIBES.


THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME SOME MORE TIME... FOR GIVING ME MY FREEDOM AGAIN.
THANK YOU.

END

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